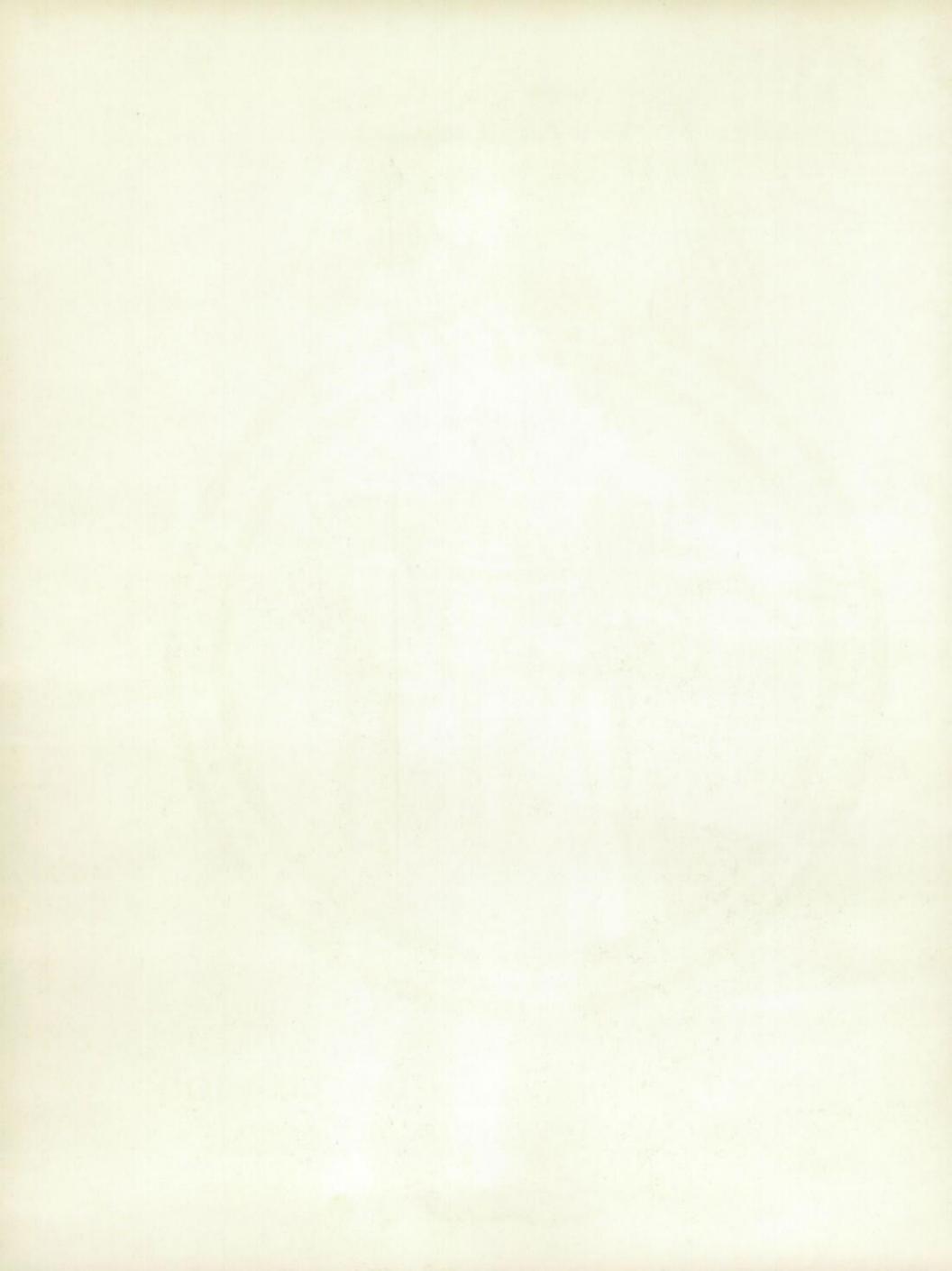
# DRAGON.









Gretna, Nebraska









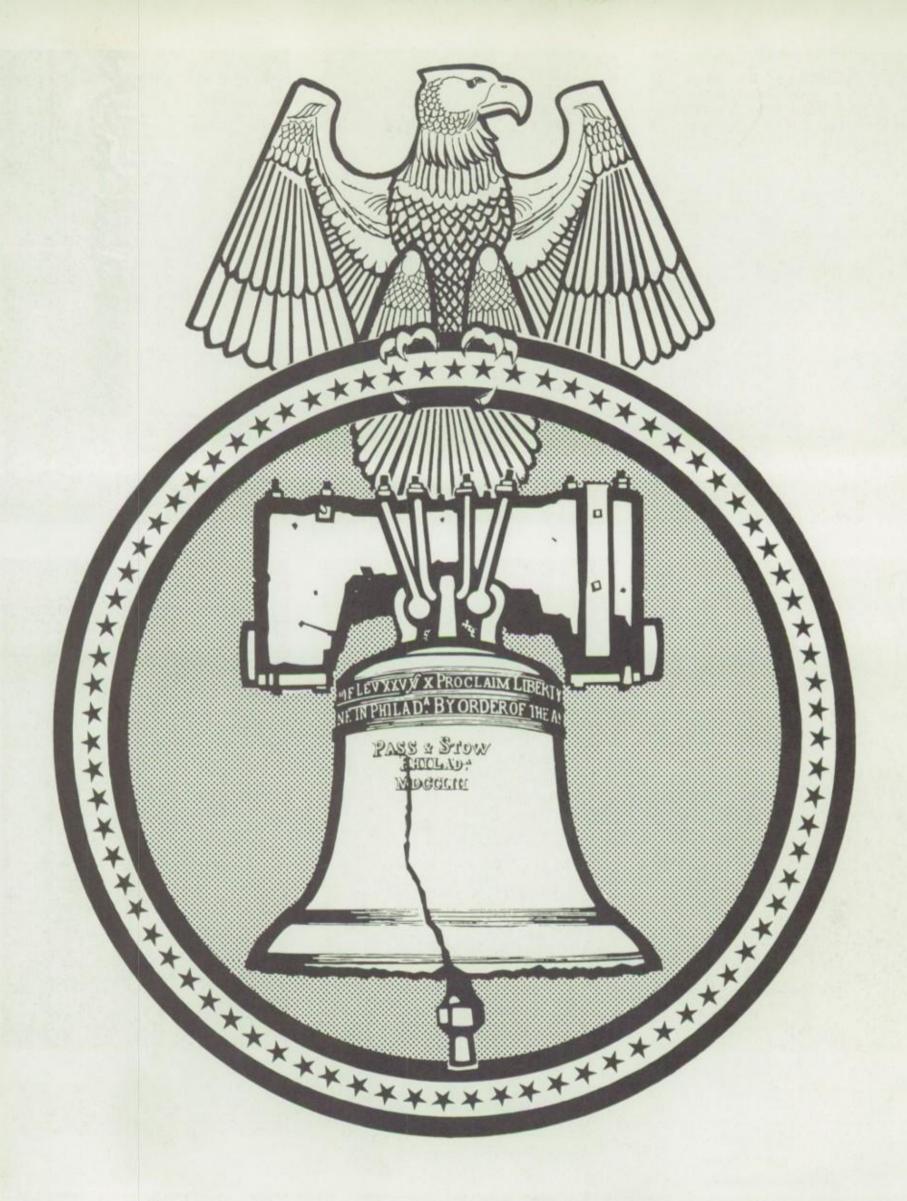




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Graduates

### JOHN LA VERNE ALLBERY

Band, Brass Choir. Polka Band, Musical Football, Track, Basketball, Swing Choir, Hnr. Society, Student Council, Soloist

### VICKI AMOS

Cheerleader, Girls' Glee, Mixed Chorus, Plays, Musicals, Science Club, Pep Club, FHA, Drama Club, Teachers' Assistant

### DIANA T. ARREDONDO

FHA-Chairman, Librarian, Teachers' Assistant, Prom Server, Mixed Chorus

### CATHERINE BARKLEY

Cheerleader, Pep Club, FHA-HERO, Music Madrigal Choir, Girls' Glee, Double Octet, Teachers' Assistant, Drama Club, Glee

### CYNTHIA BERNADY

Musicals, Drama Club, Science Club, Art Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Plays, Girls' Glee

### VICKI L. BEYER

Hnr. Society, Band, Chess Club, Music, Swing Choir, Triple Trio, Plays, G-Club, Track, Drama Club, Girls' Glee

### TERI DOYLE BIGLEY

Pep Club Officer, Drama Club, Plays, Science Club, FHA-HERO, Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee, Hnr. Society































### MARK A. BOSAK

Art Club, Science Club, Football

### DEBBIE L. BREY

FBLA, Music, Library Officer, Hnr. Society, Annual Staff, Spirit Club, Librarian, Drama Club, Science Club

### CATHERINE J. CARL

Basketball, Librarian, Cheerleader-Capt. Swing Choir, Musix, G-Club, Soloist, FBLA Musicals, Annual Staff, Trio, Dble. Octet

### LORI CARSTENS

Drama Club, Art Club, Science Club, Track, Prom Server, H. Court, Class Officer, Teachers' Assistant

DONALD COOPER, JR.

Basketball, Football, Track

### ROBERT ALAN DIERS

Football, Golf, Track, G-Club, Stage Band, Drama Club





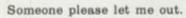
### STEVEN J. DIETZE

Football, Track, Music, Swing Choir, G-Club, Band, Madrigal Choir, Science Club, Drama Club, Soloist, Boys Quartet

### KEVIN DOBSON

Science Club, G-Club, Art Club, H. Court, Football, Wrestling, Golf, Track, Spirit Club, Journalism, Music Small Groups.







### PATRICIA DOHSE

Track, Basketball, Library Officer, Hnr. Society, Pep Club, Annual Staff, H. Court, H. Court Princess, Spirit Club, Plays

### CECILIA DUKAT

Pep Club, Librarian, Music, FBLA Officer, FHA Officer, Science Club, Spirit Club, HERO, Girls' Glee

### CYNDI ELLIS

Musicals, Cty, Govt. Day, FHA-HERO, Track Spirit Club, Pep Club, Music, Art Club, Librarian, Drama Club, Girls' Glee





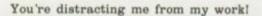


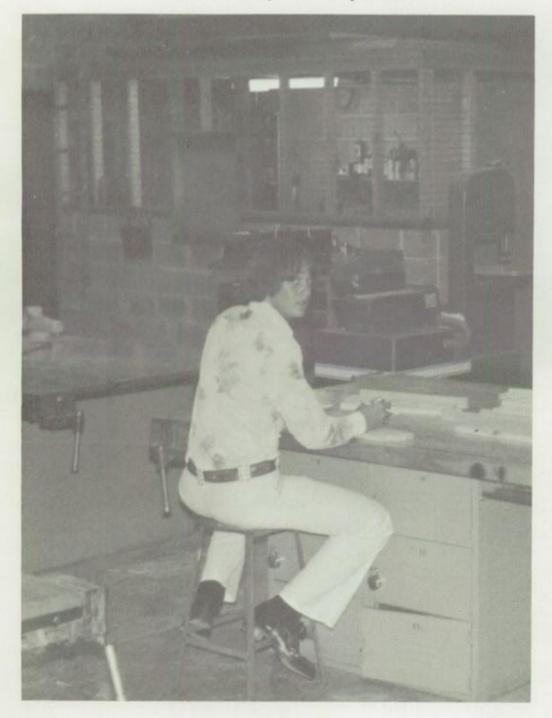
### DAVID W. ESSEN

Wrestling, Accompanist, Science Club, Band Vocal, Music, Teachers' Assistant

### TERESA FARIS

Annual Staff, Pep Club, Cheerleader, Art Club, FHA, Hnr. Society, Spirit Club, Drama Club, Library, Newspaper Staff











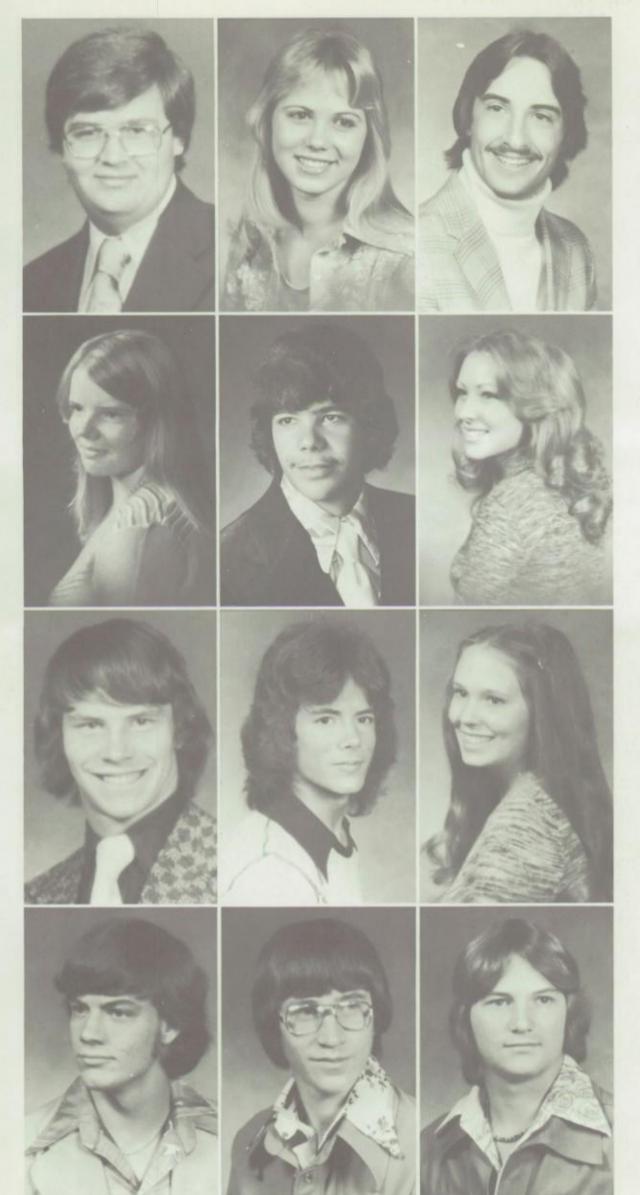


BRUCE FESTER

Basketball, Football, Track, Teachers' Assistant

### DAN GARDNER

Band, Cty. Govt. Day, Music, Drama Club, Hnr. Society, Spanish Club, Vocal Small Groups, Instrumental Small Groups



### LONNIE D. GLASSHOFF

Golf, Science Club, Drama Club, HERO Teachers Assistant

### LYNNETTE HANNER

Art Club, Music, HERO, Drama Club, Mistress of Ceremonies-Homecoming, Librarian, Accompianist

### RANDALL K. HUETSON

Football, Basketball, Track, G-Club, FHA-HERO, Drama Club, Science Club

### KATHY HURST

Annual Staff, Cheerleader, Librarian, FBLA, Pep Club, Spirit Club, Music, Drama Club, Science Club

### RONALD G. ISKE

Science Club, Track, G-Club, Teachers' Assistant

### CANDY JACOBSEN

H. Court, Cty. Govt. Day, Drama Club, Volleyball, Music, Spirit Club, Class Officer, Art Club, Track, Prom Server

### LARRY JOHNSON

Football, Wrestling, G-Club, Spirit Club Musicals, Plays, Track, Science Club, Cty, Govt. Day, Chess Club, FHA

### CHRIS KALLAS

Football, Wrestling, Prom Server

### LOIS KENNEL

Pom-Pom, H. Court, Prom Server, FHA, Track, Volleyball, Spirit Club, Music, Teachers' Assistant, Cty. Govt. Day, Class Officer

### JERRY KITTOE

Wrestling, Golf, Track, Art Club

### MIKE KOCH

Basketball, Track, Football, Golf, Band, Hnr. Society, G-Club, Drama Club, Class Officer, Music

### JOSEPH F. KRAJICEK III

Football, Wrestling, Track, Hnr. Society, G-Club, Prom Server, H. King, Jr. Escort, Class Officer, Spirit Club

### MARK LEWIS

Football, FHA-HERO

### MICHEAL McCALL

Football, Wrestling, Art Club, Track, Student Manager, Teachers' Assistant

### KENT D. McCLELLAN

Wrestling, G-Club

### DAVE McNEEL

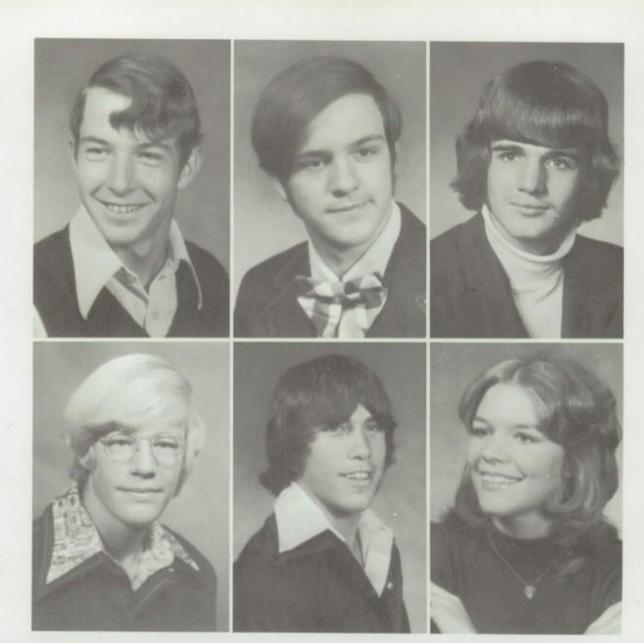
Wrestling, Track, G-Club

### MARK R. MINTKEN

Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, Science Club, Spirit Club, G-Club, Plays, Band, Musical, Drama Club, Mixed Chorus

### PAT MOREARTY

Pom-Pom, Prom Server, Mistress of Cere., FHA, G-Club, Drama Club, Track, FBLA, H. Court, Spirit Club, Mixed Chorus





### PATTY NATH

Pep Club, Hnr. Society, Science Club, Cty. Govt. Day, Musicals, Mixed Chorus, T. Ass't, FHA-HERO Vice President and State Officer

### CURT NOTHWEHR

Football, Basketball, Track, G-Club, H. Court, Prom Server, Musical, Science Club, Cty. Govt. Day

### CHERI RENAE OGG

Hnr. Society, Cheerleader, Student Council, Pep Club, Spirit Club, Music, H. Court, Girls State Alt., Science Club













### SCOTT L. PEARL

Marching Band, Brass Choir, Soloist, Band, Teachers' Assistant

### GREG PHILLIPS

Football, Wrestling, Track, Art Club, Prom Server, H. Court, Teachers' Assistant, Art Club Officer

### DAVID RASMUSSEN

Wrestling, Annual Staff, Spanish Club, Teachers' Assistant













### TERRI RETZLAFF

Cheerleader-Cap., Volleyball, FHA, Pep Club, Basketball, Hnr. Society, Drama Club, Spirit Club, Track, Band

### SUE RISHEL

Science Club, Spanish Club, Pep Club, Annual Staff, Play, Spirit Club, Drama Club, FBLA, Librarian, Musicals, Music

### DANNY ROGERS

Football, Track, Teachers' Assistant

### DAVID RUESCHHOFF

Football, Art Club, G-Club

### JIM SAWYER

Annual Staff, Science Club, Hnr. Society, Teachers' Assistant

### JEANNE SCHMID

G. Club, Volleyball, H. Court and Queen, Cty. Govt. Day, Spirit Club, FBLA Officer, Pep Club, Drum Majorette, Prom Server

### WAYNE L. SHARPLES

Football, Wrestling, Track, Science Club, Plays, Madrigal Choir, G-Club, Swing Choir, Musical, H. Court, Band and Small Groups

### DAVE SHEPHERD

Basketball, Football, Golf, G-Club, Prom Server, Science Club, Band, Track

### SUSAN M. SORENSEN

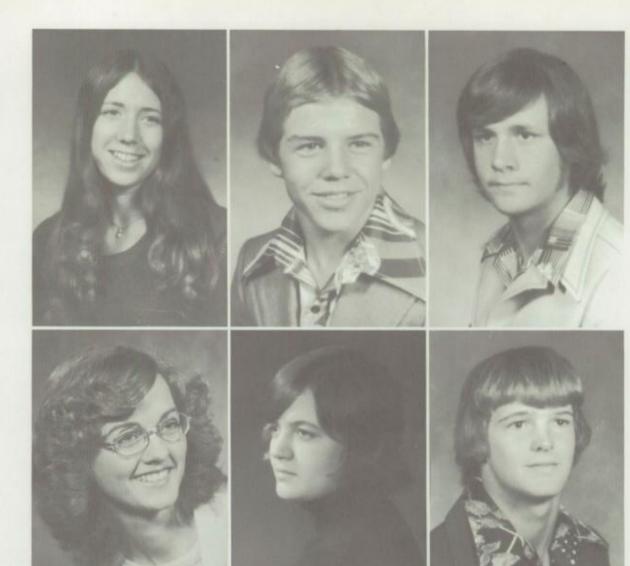
Hnr. Society, Musicals, Plays, Girls State, FHA-HERO Officer, Cty. Govt. Day, Girls' Glee Trio, Mixed Chorus, Swing Choir, Drama Club

### JULIE SPRINGER

Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Band, Pep Club, Science Club, Drama Club, G-Club, Teachers' Assistant, Cty. Govt. Day, Band Small Groups

### JEFFREY SUHR

Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, G-Club, Science Club, Drama Club, Musical, Mixed Chorus



### CHUCK SYRING

Track, Cross Country, Art Club, G-Club, Chess Club, Cty. Govt. Day, Teachers' Assistant

### KENT ROBERT TALMON

Football, Wrestling, Track, G-Club, Swing Choir, Drama Club, Student Council Officer, Hnr. Society, Science Club, Band





I know the bell hasn't rung!









Mixed Chorus, FHA Club, Track, Basketball, Teachers' Assistant

### BRADELY G. TRAMP

Football, Basketball, Track, Science Club, G-Club, H. Court, Cty. Govt. Day, Plays, Mixed Chorus, Jr. Escort, Boys' Glee

### DEBI VENCIL

Class Officer, Drama Club, Science Club, Track, Prom Server, H. Court, FHA, Mixed Chorus, CTY. Govt. Day, Librarian

### VICKI VERBEEK

Pom-Pom, Pep Club, G-Club, Hnr. Society, H. Court, Drama Club, Music, Prom Server, FHA, Volleyball, Science Club, Jr. Escort

### JOSEPH MARTIN WALSH

Band, Musicals, Plays, Cross Country, Track, G-Club, Hnr. Society, Basketball, Class Officer, Swing Choir, Soloist, Boys Glee

### RANDY YATES

Football, Journalism, Chess Club



SENIORS NOT PICTURED
Bill Robison
Sandy McCormick
Bill Fink
Jim Shepherd
Teri Colton





SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Mike Koch,-President, Jeanne Schmid-Vice President, Lois Kennel-Secretary, Candy Jacobsen-Treasurer.



"Bill Fink has finally revealed himself!"



"Chowin' down?"



# HOMECOMING



### 1975-76 HOMECOMING COURT

Left to right on stage: Debi Vencil, Vicki Verbeek, Pat Morearty, Lois Kennel, Cheri Ogg, Candy Jacabsen, Princess Patricia Dohse, Queen Jeanne Schmid, King Joe Krajicek, Prince Kevin Dobson, Curt Nothwehr, Brad Tramp, Kent Talmon, Gregg Phillips, Jeff Suhr, Mark Mintken, Wayne Sharples. Off Stage: Master of Ceremonies-John Allbery and Mistress of Ceremonies-Lynette Hanner.





Princess Patti Dohse, Queen Jeanne Schmid, King Joe Krajicek, Prince Kevin Dobson.



Pat Morearty, Jeff Suhr



Candy Jacobsen, Curt Nothwehr



Vicki Verbeek, Mark Mintken



Patty Dohse, Kent Talmon



Jeanne Schmid, Joe Krajicek



Lois Kennel, Greg Phillips



Deb Vencil, Wayne Sharples



Lori Carstens, Kevin Dobson



Cheri Ogg, Brad Tramp

The Senior class carries out this year's theme of "The Spirit of 76", by winning the spirit stick. Float winners are as follows:

1st....Junior Class 2nd....Senior Class 3rd....Freshmen

This Year three classes were elected to the LOSERS GALLERY and they are from TOP TO BOTTOM:

8th Grade

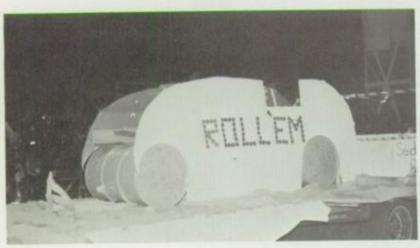
7th Grade

Sophomores

At Thursday Nights Car Bash Mark stands by while Brade Demonstrates the correct way to dent a car roof.





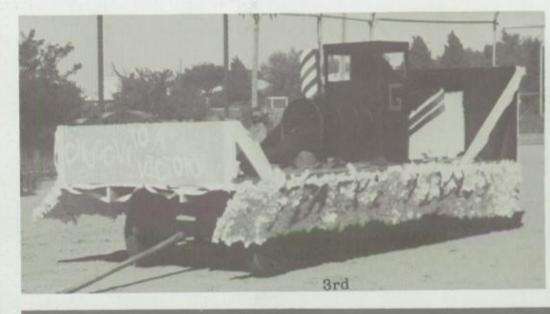


# LOSERS GALLERY

# FLOAT WINNERS









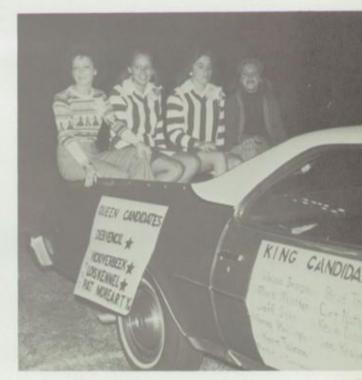


Master of Ceremonies: John Allbery , Mistress of Ceremonies: Lynette Hanner













# GUYS AND DOLLS

Pickpocket
Texan
Texan's wife
Photographer
Policeman Lt. Brannigan
Nicely-Nicely Johnson
Benny Southstreet
Rusty Charlie
Sarah Brown
Arivide Abernathy
Mission Band:

Agatha Clover Corporal Martha Harry the Horse Nathan Detroit Scranton Slim Society Max Miss Adelaide Sky Masterson Joey Biltmore Master of Ceremonies Mimi General Matilda B. Cartwright Big Jule

Milt Steiner
Kent Talmon
Kim Bremer
Curt Nothwehr
Mike Koch
Greg Smith
Brian Essen
Chuck Treiber
Cathy Carl
John Allbery

Debbie White Sue Glover Steve Dietze Lil Walsh Bill Fink Dan Gardner Brad Tramp Alan Meyer Sue Sorenson Joe Walsh Dan Springer Keith Hyatt Peggi Ellis

LeeAnn Thomas Mike Zimmerman Brian Allbery Priscilla Fisher Joni Wollenburg



### HOT BOX SINGERS AND DANCERS

Terri Colton Gail Horst Barb Carl Jane Mielke Bridget Phillips Angie Carr Denise Schafer

Spanish Dancer

Drunk

Waitress

Tina Allbery Connie Johannsen Tina Zimmerman Penny Liebsack Lori Schutt JoAnn Armburst Leann Sawyer

MISSION SINGERS Cathy Barkley Barb Carl DeAnn Hyatt Joann Mintken Dorothy Walsh

The Guys and Dolls Musical was presented November 13.14 at the Gretna High School Gym under the direction of Tim Fisher and Marilyn Lindstromberg. The musical featured the era of the roaring 20's and a romantic ending found leading performers Dan Gardner and Joe Walsh marrying their respective "dolls"—Sue Sorenson and Cathy Carl







# UP THE DOWN STAIRCASE





Sylvia Barrett Patti Dohse
Paul Barringer Dan Gardner
Beatrice Schachter Sue Glover
Ellen
Dr. Maxwell E. Clarke
Principal
James J. McHabe
Administrative Asst Dan Springer
Dr. Samuel Bester
Chairman
Language Arts Dept Dan Springer
Ella Friedenberg
Guidance Counselor Vicki Beyer
Frances Egan
School Nurse Joanie Wollenberg
Charlotte Wolf
Librarian Priscilla Fisher
Sadie Finch
Chief Clerk Barb Sorensen
Fran Barb Sorensen
Katherine Wolzow Terri Faris
Vivian Paine Lisa Ferguson
Carrie Paine Ann McBreen
Joe Ferone Brian Essen
Helen Arbuzzi Beth Ferguson
Carole Blanca Joann Armburst
Alice Blake DeAnn Hyatt
Harry A. Kagan Greg Smith
Lou MartinButch Webber
Linda Rosen Peggie Ellis
Rusty O'BrienButch Webber
Elizabeth EllisLil Walsh
Jose Rodriguez Keith Hyatt
Jill Norris
Rachel Penny Liebsack
Lennie Neumark Chuck Trieber
Charles Dave Rogers



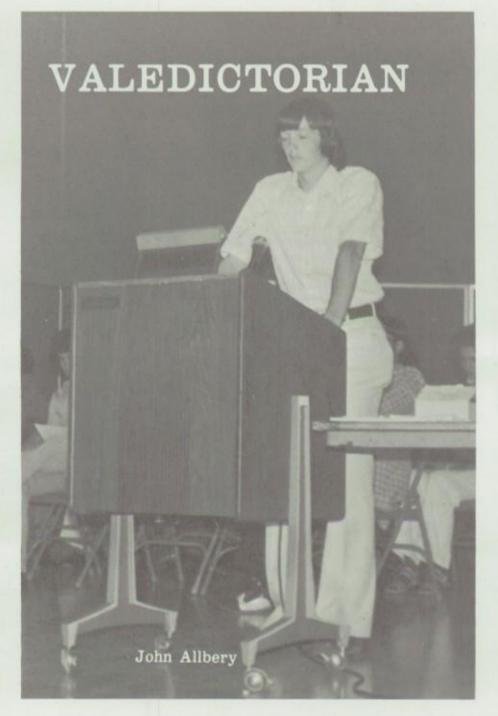
# SPORTS BANQUET







# HONORS DAY







# PROM

# TIME



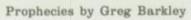
Welcome by Pat Phelan



Response and Wills by Mike Koch











# BICENTENNIAL





Junior Escorts: Steve Hansen, Connie Johannsen, Cindy Lehman, Mark Filmer



Commencement Address: Dr. Edward L. Dejnozka





Invocation: Rev. Walter D. Marshall



# GRADUATION









"Climb Every Mountain" - Sue Sorenson and Joe Walsh





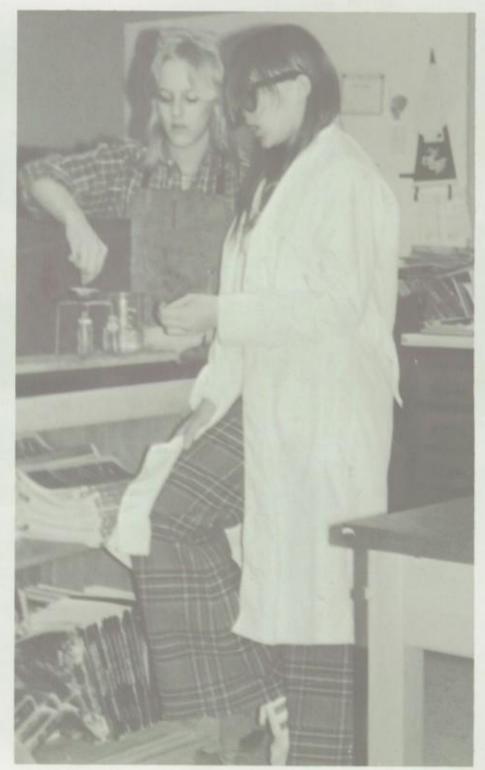
# ODDS 'N ENDS











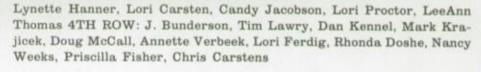


Organizations

## ART CLUB



1ST ROW: Clark Bierle, Ralph Svenningson, Greg Reigonborn, Mike McCall, Mark Bosak, Greg Phillips, David Reuschoff 2ND ROW: Kevin Dobson, Steve Bartunek, Cris Farris, Kelly Dobson, Connie Johannsen, Butch Webber, Chuck Syring, Jerry Ehrenberg, Mark Hanner, Mrs. Cox 3RD ROW: Teri Barnes, Mary Childers, Lynne Kovar, Teri Farris,





Connie Johannson Sec., Greg Phillips Pres., Lynette Hanner Treas., Candy Jacobson V.Pres.

The highlight of the year for the Art Club was completing the 18 foot Bicentennial mosaic mural for the lobby. Overall cost of the project was approximately \$1,000—half of the money was provided by the Nebraska Arts Council and the rest by candy and dragon sales.

Art Club members attended "The Growing Spectrum" Art Exhibit at Joslyn. This was an exceptional show and consisted of American Artists the past 200 years. Another tour was taken to Lincoln in the spring to commemorate our Bicentennial year.

The All Conference Art show was held in Lincoln April and the school show and dedication ceremonies were held in May.

Art students also completed 2 murals in the gym and conference banners for the mascots.

This was an outstanding year for the club, and the whole student body is proud of it!

# BAND





GRETNA HIGH MARCHING BAND: Oboe-Brenda Fleck, Flute-Beth Ferguson, Cindy Barkley, Peggi Ellis, Kathy Ostdiek, Lee Ann Thomas, Debbie White, Clarinet-Tina Allbery, Vicki Beyer, Barb Carl, Teri Colton, Carol Cooper, Sue Hintz, Jan Kopplin, Judy Krajicek, Cindy Lehman, Bridget Phillips, Sue Rogers, Jean Schmid, Saxophone-Linda Biel, Steve Condon, Gregg Dahlhiem, Lynette Fink, Tom Hurst, Wayne Jesz, Kris Karstens, Cindy Smith, Joni Wollenburg, Trumpets-Vicki Dicker, Priscilla Fisher, Sue Glover, Tom Hinz, Bob Mosby, Theresa Ostdiek, Marty Ostransky, Dan Schmidt, Jim Schmidt, Dave Smetter, Kent Talman, Dave Dohse, French Horn-Brian Essen, Dan Gardner, Mike Koch, Greg Smith, Lil Walsh, Trombone-Dave Spurgeon, Matt Umland, Joe Walsh, Scott Condon, Baritone-Bob Diers, Donna Mowinkle, Dorothy Walsh, Basses-John Allbery, Steve Dietze, Dan Springer, Percussion-Kim Bremer, Dave Essen, Bill Fink, Jane Mielke, Wayne Sharples, Steve Steinauer





JR. HIGH BAND, FRONT ROW: Kim Bartunek, Jan Odens, Diane Cooper, Beth Mason, Marcia Ostransky, Debbie Dohse, Jodi Verreek, Carrie Snell, Tina Stottlemire, David Markle, Kelly McCormick. SECOND ROW: Carrie Springer, Julie Frahm, Denise Brey, Robbie Goodnow, Greg Wagner, Allen Carl, Ann Kritenbrink, Kris Bremer, Julie Fleck, Mark Spurgeon, Kris Suhr, THIRD ROW: Steve Moore, Mr. Even-

son, Brian Phillips, Tom Kopplin, Jamie Smith, Linda Diers, Jeff Wollenburg, Scott Schimidt, Lee Tolliver, Larry Koke, FOURTH ROW: Pat Cockerill, Bryan Sharples, Diane Fleck, Caroln Mosby, Marla Ellis, Ann Sedlacek, Mary Conant, Jayne Fleck, Kathy Condon, FIFTH ROW: David Dietze, Peter Gunderson, Deon Heminger, Tom Ostdiek, Roger Beyer, Dan Hintz, Steve White, Connie Grant, Mike Schimid, Donnie Hintz.



JR. HIGH STAGE BAND, FRONT ROW: Kris Suhr, Diane Fleck, Steve Moore, Kris Bremer, Julie Fleck, Mark Spurgeon, SECOND ROW: Carolyn Mosby, Jamie Smith, Linda Diers, Jeff Wollenburg, Scott

Schmidt, Lee Tolliver, Larry Koke, THIRD ROW: Brian Sharples, Peter Gunderson, Dan Hintz, Steve White, Connie Grant, FOURTH ROW: Mike Schmid, Kim Bartunek, Ann Sedlacek, Pat Cockerill.





BAND COUNCIL: SITTING: Wayne Sharples, STANDING Debbie White, Dan Gardner, Wayne Jesz, Tom Hintz, Sue Glover.

CONCERT BAND: Oboes, Vicki Verbeek, Brenda Fleck, Flute, Beth Ferguson, Cindy Barkley, Peggy Ellis, Kathy Ostidiek, Lee Ann Thomas, Debbie White, Clarinet, Tina Allbery, Vicki Beyer, Barb Carl, Teri Colton, Carol Cooper, Sue Hintz, Janette Kopplin, Judy Krajicek, Cindy Lehman, Bridget Phillips, Sue Rogers, Jeanne Schmid, Saxophones, Linda Biel, Steve Condon, Gregg Dahlhiem, Lynette Fink, Tom Hurst, Wayne Jesz, Kris Karstens, Cindy Smith, Joni Wollenburg, Trumpets, Vicki Dicker, Priscilla Fisher, Sue Glover, Tom Hinz, Bob Mosby, Theresa Ostdiek, Marty Ostransky, Dan Schmidt, Jim Schmidt, Dave Smetter, Kent Talmon, David Dohse, French Horn, Brian Essen, Dan Gardner, Mike Koch, Greg Smith, Lil Walsh, Trombone, Dave Spurgeon, Matthew Umland, Joe Walsh, Scott Condon, Baritone, Bob Diers, Donna Mowinkle, Dorthy Walsh, Basses, John Allbery, Steve Dietze, Dan Springer, Percussion, Kim Bremer, Dave Essen, Bill Fink, Jane Mielke, Wayne Sharples, Steve Steinauer.



SOLOIST (TOP) David Dohse, Wayne Sharples, Bob Diers, Steve Steinauer, Dan Gardner, (NOT PICTURED Dee Chilcoat)

(RIGHT) Twirler; Nancy Weeks, Drum Major; Dave Smetter, Drum Majorette; Jean Schmid

STAGE BAND (BOTTOM) FRONT ROW; Dan Gardner, Steve Steinauer, Wayne Jesz, Cindy Smith, Gregg Dahlhiem, Steve Condon, Wayne Sharples, BACK ROW; Connie Grant, Dave Spurgeon, Joe Walsh, Dave Smetter, Jim Tapp, Bob Mosby, Sue Glover, Priscilla Fisher, Kent Talmon, Bob Diers





### WAYNE SHARPLES MAKES ALL STATE BAND



MIXED CLARINET QUARTET: Bridget Phillips, Judy Krajicek, Jean Schmid, Barb Carl.



BRASS SEXTET: John Allbery, Bob Diers, Joe Walsh, Dan Gardner, Dan Smetter, Kent Talmon,



DRUM QUINTET: Dave Essen, Jane Mielke, Wayne Sharples, Steve Steinauer, Kim Bremer,



This year was the second year Wayne Sharples was in the All State Band. It was also his second year in the Hasting College Honor Band. He has received a superior on his drum solos every year (7-12). Wayne received the 1976 John Phillip Sousa Award, The District Musicians Certificate, and the 1976 Outstanding Bandsman Award. He also was chosen along with John Allbery to the 1975-76 All-American Hall of Fame Band Honors.



# CHESS CLUB



1ST ROW: Mr. Rundquist, Matt Umland, Mike Stit 2ND ROW: Gary Endorf, Craig Mueller, Steve Steinauer, Cliff Cline, Mike Coyan

# DRAMATICS CLUB



1ST ROW: Cheri Ogg, Cathy Carl, Joe Walsh, Sue Sorenson, Teri Farris, Sandy Ogg, Barb Sorenson 2ND ROW: Debbie White, Priscilla Fisher, LeeAnn Thomas, Vicki Beyers, DeeAnn Hyatt, Suzi Glover, Dan Gardner 3RD ROW: Cindy Ellis, Cathy Mather, Nancy Weeks, Barb Carl, Joni

Wollenburg, Peggy Ellis, Beth Ferguson 4TH ROW: Dee Chilcoat, Lil Walsh. Brian Essen, Greg Smith, John Allbery, Pat Dohse, Mrs. Lindstromberg

### FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA



1ST ROW: Diane Schroeder, Sue Janousek, Sara Vencil, Mary Leehy, Rachel Oakerson, Sandy Ogg, RoxAnne Fester 2ND ROW: Beth Ferguson, Linda Smith, Pat Morearty, Sue Rishel, Cathy Carl, Lois Kennel, Cheri Ogg, Karen Torgerson, Tami Bohling 3RD ROW: Sandy McCormick, Jeanne Schmidt, Cindy Mather, Cindy Chard, Reynie Rife, Joan Weeth, Sponsor Mr. Pease.



1975-76 was the first year for the FBLA. The club began organizing itself in November and finally had their formal induction on January 18, 1976.

In addition to bake sales, stick candy sales, and a valentine heart raffle (won by the sponsor Mr. Pease), the club helped plan and put on a Vocational Breakfast and a Vocational Career Day during February. They also helped raise money for March of Dimes with a Rock-A-Thon at the Gretna Bowling Alley, but the highlight of the year was the FBLA convention at the Omaha Hilton Hotel. Ten members attended this three-day convention, stayed overnight, competed in contests, and participated in the after convention activities. The convention featured Cindy Drevo, State and National FBLA president, Mayor Ed Zorinsky, Governor James J. Exon, and Actor Bob Newhart.



Installation of The Gretna Chapter and officers by the Ralston Chapter. FRONT: Reynie Rife, News Reporter; Sandy McCormick. Secr. BACK: Jeanne Schmidt, Pres.; Cindy Chard, Historian; Joan Weeth V. Pres.



Attending the Convention were 1ST ROW: Rachel Oakerson, Diane Schroeder, Sue Janousek, Linda Smith 2ND ROW: Sandy McCormick, Beth Ferguson 3RD ROW: Mr. Pease, Sue Rishel, Cindy Chard, Mary Leehy, RoxAnne Fester

### FHA-HERO



HERO 1st ROW: Cathy Barkley, Mrs. Ostransky 2nd ROW: Penny Nath, Cecilia Dukat, Mark Bosak, Mark Lewis, Judy Tjarks, Kelly Dobson, Sue Sorenson



Bi-Centennial fire hydrant

Future Homemakers of America—Home Economics Related Occupations is dedicated to certain principles. That we are all homemakers-men, women, children, and elderly-we all influence the quality of life in our homes. Young

people can develop leadership skills and we can learn from our failures.

In 1975-76 our second year of existence, FHA-HERO accomplished many successful projects in the areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation and community involvement.

Projects we have had this year—decorated community fire hydrants in Bi-Centennial design; cosponsored career days for the Senior High; honored community leaders with a breakfast during Vocational Education Week; put up displays for the school Bi-Centennial fair; sponsored bake and take days for elderly in the community; conducted a Good Egg Campaign in the community; and dressed dolls for underprivileged children. The HERO section catered a 25th wedding anniversary reception.

This year FHA-HERO became integrated in the classroom which means in class projects are developed which relate to subject matter and to FHA-HERO purposes. Membership in FHA-HERO is open to all persons who take a class in home economics.





FHA-VICA Homecoming float



FHA Jr. High 1ST ROW: Mrs. Verbeek, JoAnn Janousek, Julie Birkoffer, Lorie Liebsack, Cheryl Taylor, Connie Carr, Beth Grubmuller, Rita Hoffman, Jan Odens, Julie Peters 2ND ROW: Laurie Keyes, Heidi Simmons, Jayne Fleck, Jody Verbeek, Tammy Carl, Mary Conant, Chris Carr, Mary Frahm, Debbie Dohse, Kathy Condon, Kathy McCall 3RD ROW: Chris

Bremer, Carrie Springer, Kristie Suhr, Lori Schram, Debbie Hurst, Beth Diers, Keri Snell 4TH ROW: Rose Marie Lathrope, Julie Fleck, Ann Sedlacek, Marla Ellis, Kim Carr, Sherri Rassmussen, Marcia Ostransky, Kim Bartunek, Diane Fleck



FHA Sr. High 1ST ROW: Mrs. Verbeek, Amy Hansen, Sharon Kittoe, Barb Sorenson, Terri Farris, Jane Mielke, JoAnn Armburst, Tina Allbery, Mrs. Ostransky 2ND ROW: RoxAnne Wheeler, Gail Allbery, Theresa Ostdiek, Joni Wollenburg, Karen Snider, Chris Fibich, Stephanie

Helms. Chris Carstens 3RD ROW: RoxAnne Fester, Brenda Fleck, Mary Leehy, Sue Rishel, Brenda Phillips, Diane Schroeder, Kim Bremer, Angie Carr 4TH ROW: Judy Krajicek, JoAnn Horst, Annette Verbeek, Tina McCartor, Rachel Oakerson, Sara Vencil, Cathy Ostdiek.

## G-CLUB



1ST ROW: Kevin Dobson, Larry Johnson, Dave Shepherd, Mark Bosak, Dan Woolman, Bill Fink, Joe Walsh. 2ND ROW: Bob Reuth, Mike Koch, Steve Dietze, Brad Tramp, Curt Nothwehr, Jeff Suhr, Mark Mintken, Bob Diers, Steve Bartunek, Pat Phelan. 3RD ROW: Kent Talmon, Wayne Sharples, Ron Iske, Chuck Syring, Greg Barkley, Steve Hansen, J.

Bunderson, Chris Cox 4TH ROW: Lil Walsh, Kelly Dobson, Cathy Carl, Vicki Verbeek, Jeanne Schmidt, Teri Retzlaff, Julie Springer, Connie Johannson, Tim Lawry, Tom Westenburg 5TH ROW: Cindy Lehman, Kathy Reuter, RoxAnn Snide, Donna Mowinkel, Judy Tjarks, Pat Morearty, Terry Springer, Roy Peters, Larry Allbery







# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



1ST ROW: Jim Sawyer, Kent Talmon, John Allbery, Bob Reuth, Kevin Dobson, Cheri Ogg, Patti Dohse 2ND ROW: Connie Johannson, Pat Conant, Linda Smith, Amy Hansen, Lil Walsh, Dee Chilcoat, Lori Grieb, Teri Farris 3RD ROW: Jeanne Schmid, Patti Nath, Dan Gardner, Vicki

Beyer, Debbie White, Priscilla Fisher, Donna Mowinkel 4TH ROW: Steve Hansen, Ralph Svenningson, Chris Cox, Dan Woolman, Clark Bierle, Tom Schnack, Steve Steinauer, David Smetter

# SPANISH CLUB



1ST ROW: Miss Hathaway, Ann McBreen, Priscilla Fisher, Dee Chilcoat, Lil Walsh, Lori Grieb, Mike Koch, Wayne Stottlemier, Suzi Glover 2ND ROW: Cathy Ostdiek, Cindy Smith, RoxAnne Wheeler, DeeAnn Hyatt, Kris White, Theresa Ostdiek, Dan Gardner, Gail Horst, Brian Essen

# MEDIA ASSISTANTS



SENIOR HIGH LIBRARIANS: 1ST ROW: Amy Gunderson, Kim Odens, Lori Ferdig, 2ND ROW: Barb Sorenson, Sue Rishel, Kris White, Amy Hansen, Michelle Taylor, Cathy Ostiek 3RD ROW: Caryl Cooper, Debbie Brey, Cheri Ogg, Cindy Tramp, Gail Horst, 4TH ROW: Sandy Mcormick, Sandy Ogg, Peggy Ellis, Jan Schmid Gail Allbery 5TH ROW: Eileen Lisko, Margaret Dudley, Pat Dohse, Cindy Barkley



STATE OFFICERS: Right to Left: Judy Krajicek, Gail Allbery, Theresa Ostdiek

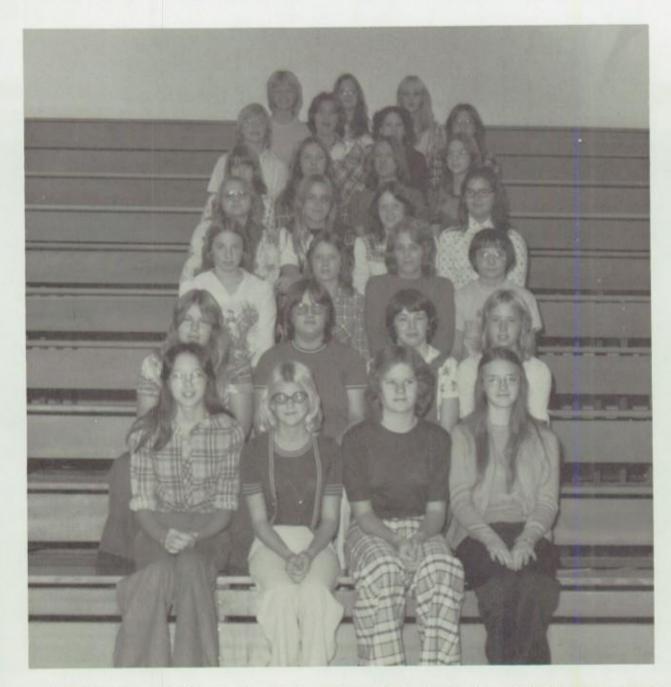


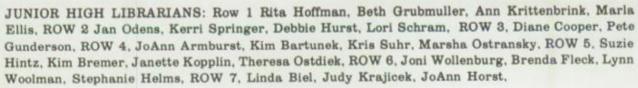
HEAD LIBRARIANS: TOP TO BOTTOM: Debbie Brey, Eileen Lisko, Theresa Ostdiek, Judy Krajicek, Linda Smith.





Librarian Officers: Gail Horst, Sec.; Pam Norman, Pres.; Pat Conant, Treas.; Jan Schmid, Vice Pres.;







# MEDIA ACTIVITIES



The 75-76 year was an active year for our school library. We received a tentative ok by the government for a 24,000 dollar Title 3 grant to use for color video tape equipment. At the NAMA State Convention, at the Benson High School, Gretna received 3 out of 5 state offices. (Someone from Gretna has held an office for the past 11 years except 1.) Senior High librarians attended the Westroads Dinner Theater on March 29. On April 27-28 Linda Smith and Mrs. Haldeman took part in the Governor's Conference on Libraries. The annual senior's tea was held in the spring. We also worked in the shack and sold Gretna banners as money making projects.



SENIOR LIBRARIANS: 1ST ROW: Sue Rishel, Sandy McCormick, 2ND ROW: Debbie Brey, Cheri Ogg, Pat Dohse





# SPIRIT CLUB





Miss Beal and Mr. Rhodes organized the Spirit Club this year to promote cooperation in the entire student body. The Spirit Club organized pep rallies and a special Bonfire pep rally for Homecoming. Spirit Club operated the shack during the football season and sponsored busses to away games and the State Wrestling Tournaments. A Valentine's Dance, featuring Time Machine, was sponsored by the Spirit Club after a basketball game. Our uniforms were T-shirts and green derby hats.

# POM POM GIRLS Gail Horst Vicki Verbeek Tracy Bishop Lois Kennel Judy Schram Bridgette Phillips JoAnn Mintken JoAnn Horst Amy Gunderson Jan Schmid

# 75-76 CHEERLEADERS











JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS: Kim Bartunek, Brenda Fleck, Diane Fleck, Jane Mielke, Laura Keyes, Mary Conant





# STUDENT COUNCIL



ROW 1: Mr. Rundquist, Mike Schmid, Jerry VanWinkle, Brenda Fleck, Jayne Fleck, Tamie Carl, Steve Moore ROW 2: Gregg Barkley, David

Doshe, Randy Sump, Judy Schram, Cheri Ogg, Bob Reuth, John Allbery, Judy Krajicek, Rachel Oakerson, Tim Lawry



Cheri Ogg, Secretary; John Allbery, V. Pres.; Kent Talmon, Pres.; Gregg Barkley, Treas.



Awarding of 1st place trophy to juniors for float.

This years Student Council sponsored all the 1975 Homecoming activities. Those attending the Student Council Convention in York were: Bob Reuth. Rachel Oakerson, Judy Krajicek, and Randy Sump.

Also during the year they raised funds for Muscular Dystrophy and sponsored a weight contest of all the teachers combined for 5 lbs. of jelly beans, The winner of the jelly beans was Eddie Karbowski.

### VOCAL



Soprano I: Tina Allbery, JoAnn Armbrust, Cathy Carl, Edwinna Dukat, Priscilla Fisher, Stephanie Helms, Jane Mielke, Sandy McCormick, Donna Mowinkel, Cheri Ogg, Denise Schafer, Chris Schram, Judy Schram, Sue Sorensen, Joni Wollenberg Soprano II: Cathy Barkley, Cynthia Benardy, Cindy Chard, Chris Fibich, Lorraine Hartman, Mary Hartman, Sandy Ogg, Bridget Phillips, Lori Schutt, Tammy Shirk, Cindy Smith, Karen Synder, Dorothy Walsh, Joan Weeth Alto: Teri Barnes, Kim Bremer, Angie Carr, Dee Chilcoat, Mary Childers, Caryl Cooper, Kelly Dobson, Suzanne Glover, Gail Horst, Connie Johannsen, Kris Karstens,

Cindy Lehman, JoAnn Mintken, Barb Sorensen, LeeAnn Thomas, Vicki Verbeek, Lil Walsh, Debbie White, Tina Zimmerman Tenor: Brian Allbery, Brian Essen, Dan Gardner, Michael Koch, Alan Meyer, Curtis Nothwer, Dennis Richardson, Jim Schutt, Wayne Sharples, Rod Short, Gene Slattery, Greg Smith, Dan Steiner, Milt Steiner, Charles Treiber, Joseph Walsh Bass: John Allbery, Gregg Dalheim, Steve Dietze, Kevin Dobson, David Essen, Bill Fink, Bill Hartman, Roger Lisko, Doug McCall, Bill McCormick, Dan Springer, Mike Stitt, Kent Talmon, Brad Tramp, Mike Zimmerman



Swing Choir: 1ST ROW: Brian Essen, Wayne Sharples. 2ND ROW: Sandy McCormick, Judy Schram, Debbie White, Priscilla Fisher, Cathy Carl, Donna Mowinkel, Cindy Lehman, Lil Walsh, Sue Sorenson. 3RD ROW:

Milt Steiner, David Essen, Kent Talman, Joe Walsh, Bill Fink, John Allbery, Steve Dietze, Dan Gardner, Mike Koch



Octet: ROW 1: L Thomas, J Mielke, J Mintken, L Walsh, D Walsh, B Sorenson, ROW 2: C Barkley, S Ogg, S McCormick, C Ogg, C Lehman, C Carl, P Fisher, D Mowinkel, D White, J Schram



Madrigal: ROW 1: W Sharples, B Essen, D Gardner, S Dietze, J Allbery, J Walsh, S Sorenson, C Barkley, C Carl, L Thomas, D White, P Fisher, L Walsh



Quartet: Steve Dietze, Dan Gardner, Joe Walsh, John Allbery



MENC: Mike Koch, John Allbery, Steve Dietze, Joe Walsh



Accomp. D Gardner, B Sorenson, D Chilcoat, S Sorenson, D Essen



Accomp. Mrs. Fischer

# SEVENTH GRADE CHORUS



R Beyer, J Birkhofer, C Bishop, L Bishop, T Bohling, D Brey, D Briggs, K Bremer, B Burgett, T Carl, C Carr, P Childers, P Cockerill, M Conant, C Condon, T Colby, D Cull, L Cook, L Diers, D Dohse, T Dye, D Edwards, F Fibich, J Fleck, J Fleck, J Frahm, L Glover, R Goodnow, G Gorton, A Grubb, D Harris, T Haynes, A Heinen, P Hendricks, C Hert, R Hintz, D Hintz, K Hokens, D Iske, J Janousek, T Jensen, J Johannsen, M Johnson, E Karbowski, L Keyes, J Kobza, K Kolbo, T Kopplin, D Kremlacek, R

Lathrop, B Leehy, D Markle, B Mason, S McBreen, K McCall, K McCormick, T Meyer, T Merrill, K Morris, K Morris, C Mosby, C Mosby, D Oakerson, J Peterson, D Piccalo, H Ruff, B Phillips, A. Schram, A Sedlacek, H Simonin, T Shepherd, B Sherry, A Smith, J Smith, C Snell, M. Snipes, D Stender, T Swearingen, D Taylor, C Tangeman, B Tjarks, G Tubbs, L Ulrich, M Vencil, J Van Winkle, J Verbeek, G Wagner, S Witt, D Wheeler, J Wollenburg, B Weeks.



Solos: J. Schram, D. Mowinkel



Young Peoples Choir: Greg Smith, Debbie White, John Allbery, Steve Dietze

### VICA



The VICA Chapter was originated this year by the Building Constructors Class and the Auto Mechanics Class. VICA held two money raising projects which were a trap shoot and a turkey raffle. They also help -run the shack during the basketball and wrestling season. This money was used to send members to state VICA. VICA also participated in the Rock-a-thon for the March of Dimes.

1st ROW: Tim Schnack, Ron Iske, 2nd ROW: Roy Peters, Rich Schroeder, Tom Westenburg, Bob Diers, 3rd ROW: Mr. Novotny, Tom Schnack, Nick Carter, Clay Nath, Larry Allbery.



VICA plans to sell this building.



Turkey drawing takes place.



1st ROW: Rick Schroeder Pres., Tom Westenburg, V. Pres. 2nd ROW: Nick Carter Sec., Larry Allbery Reporter, Tim Schnack Treas.

# ANNUAL STAFF



Jim Sawyer, Mr. Pease, Dave Rassmussen, Joan Weeth, Pam Norman, Sue Rishel, Pat Doshe, Cathy Carl, Teri Farris, Sandy McCormick, ABSENT-Kathy Hurst, Deb Brey, Reynie Rife, Cheri Ogg.

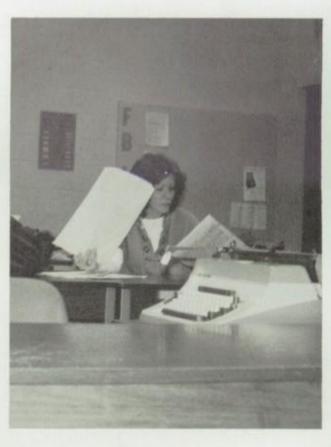


"Our photographers doing their usual, NOTHING."

Senior Section: Sandy McCormick, Sue Rishel. Happenings: Teri Farris, Bob Sawyer, Dave Rassmussen. Clubs: Pat Doshe, Joan Weeth. Sports: Cathy Carl, Pam Norman. Underclassmen: Deb Brey, Kathy Hurst, Reynie Rife. Administration: Teri Farris. Ads: Cheri Ogg.



"Hard workers, eh!"



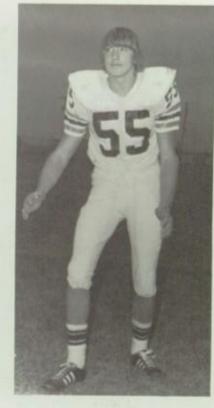
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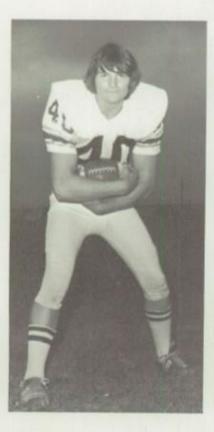


Dave Shepherd (OT)
Brad Tramp (G,DE)
Steve Dietze (DE,OT)
Joe Krajicek (FB,LB)
Curt Nothwehr (TE,HB)
Mark Mintken (QB,DHB)
Jeff Suhr (HB, DHB)
Larry Johnson (OT, DT)
Kent Talmon(G, LB)
Wayne Sharples (OHB,DHB)
Bob Diers (DE, OE)

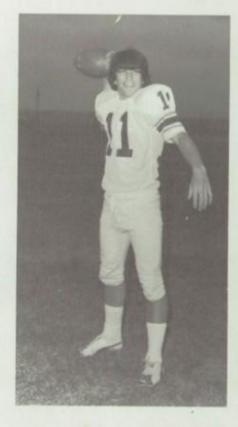


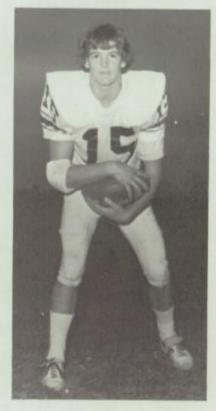




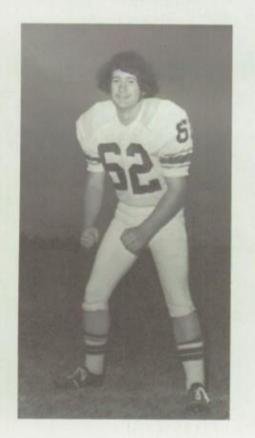
















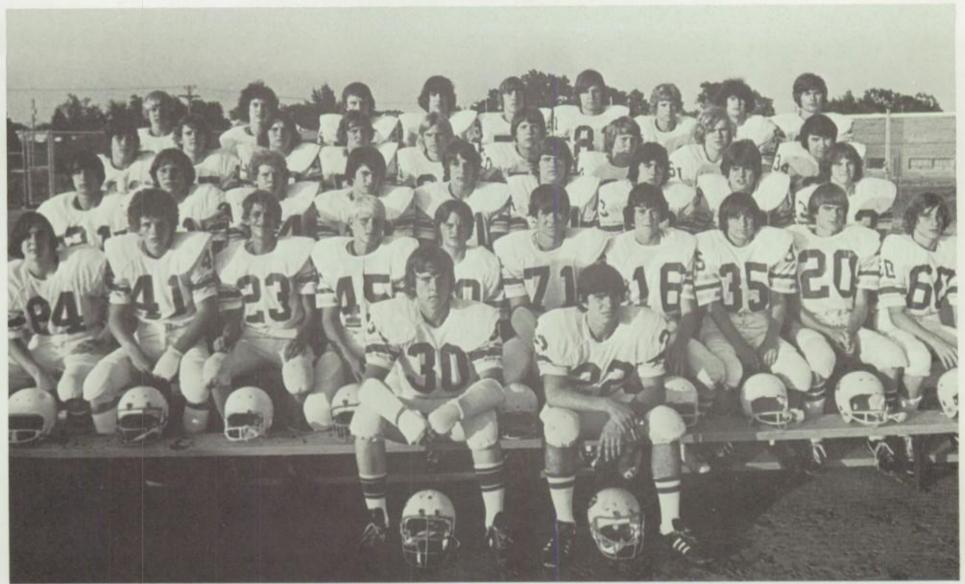
# DRAGON RECORD 6-2-1

The 75-76 Dragon football team got off to a good start by winning their first game and going on with a 6-2-1 record. The first practices the team were hard but as the season progressed that effort paid off in the long run. Head coach Duane Cox and assistants Tom Leehy, Jim Novotny, Tim Hoffman, and Don Ozanne, helped make it possible through their efforts. There were no serious injuries this year with the Dragon team but the usual minor injuries occurred.



#### DRAGON SCOREBOARD

Gretna	24	Raymond	
		Central	0
Gretna	0	Waverly	6
Gretna	16	Noris	0
Gretna	48	Ashland	12
Gretna	22	Blair	12
Gretna	8	Arlington	8
Gretna	6	Platteview	14
Gretna	40	Wahoo	12
Gretna	32	Elkhorn	6



ROW ONE: Mark Krajicek, Dan Turner. ROW TWO; David Hudson, Dan Woolman, Lee Kolbo, Dale Smith, Butch Weber, Steve Condon, Ryan Leehy, Bernard Rueschoff, Rick Nothwehr, Mark Carl. ROW THREE; Bob Rueth, Steve Hansen, Gregg Barkley, Tom Westenburg, Larry Allbery, J. Bunderson, Mark Filmer, Steve Bartunek, Pat Phelan, ROW

FOUR: Mark Mintken, Jeff Suhr, Joe Krajicek, Brad Tramp, Tim Lawry, Chris Cox. Dan Kennel, Clayton Nath, Terry Springer, ROW FIVE; Wayne Sharples, Mark Lewis, Larry Johnson, Dave Rueschoff, Steve Dietze, Dave Shepherd, Curtis Nothwehr, Kent Talmon, Bob Diers.

# JR. HIGH FOOTBALL



ROW ONE; Danny Ostdiek, Carol Bishop, Jeff Wollenburg, Pat Hendricks, John Johansen, Alan Grubb, Roger Beyer, Derick Harris, David Kremlajicek, Don Oakerson ROW TWO; Pat Cockerill, Kevin Morris, Marty Koester, Eddie Karbowski, Brendan Leehy, Dan Cull, Mark Johnson, Bob Sherry, David Briggs, Todd Shepherd, Mark Bishop,

Brian Plowman; ROW THREE; Gregg Wagner, Don Kennel, Jerry VanWinkle, Butch Cleck, Steve Pienkel, David Koke, Tom Bollish, Scott Ostliek, Kevin Innman, Dean Grimm, Stanley Sharples, John Grubbmuller, John Hozaphel.



ROW ONE; Steve Moore, Craig Dobson, David Dietze, Mark Spurgeon, Mike Schmidt, Mike Miles, Mike Bishop, Jack Bunderson, John Krajicek, Greg Reigenborn, Mike Jones. ROW TWO; Tom Ostdiek, Richard Cummings, Gary Frohner, Ed Kennel, Mark Johnson, Don Hintz, Brian

Sharples, Don Kros, ROW THREE; Alan Carl, Kent Hoskins, Steve White, Eric Lehman, Steve Morris, Greg Lavigne, Tom Pritchard, Carroll Allbery, Larry Chard, Mr. Hoffman.

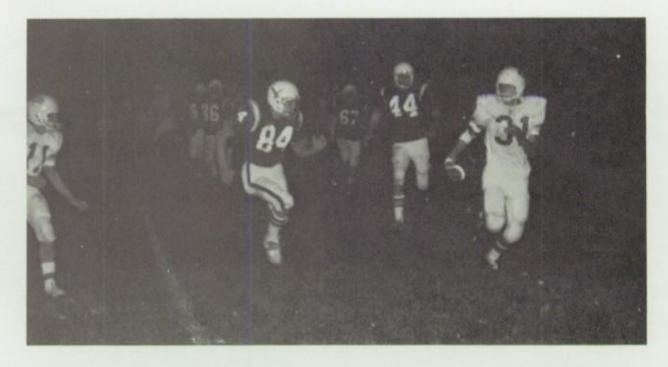
# TOUCHDOWN!

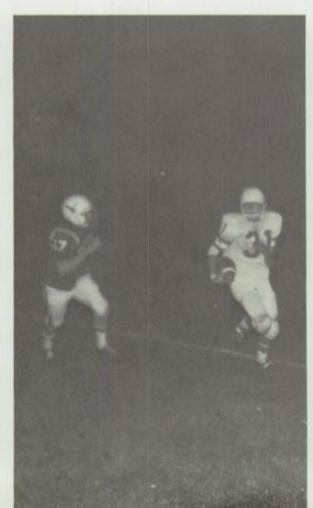


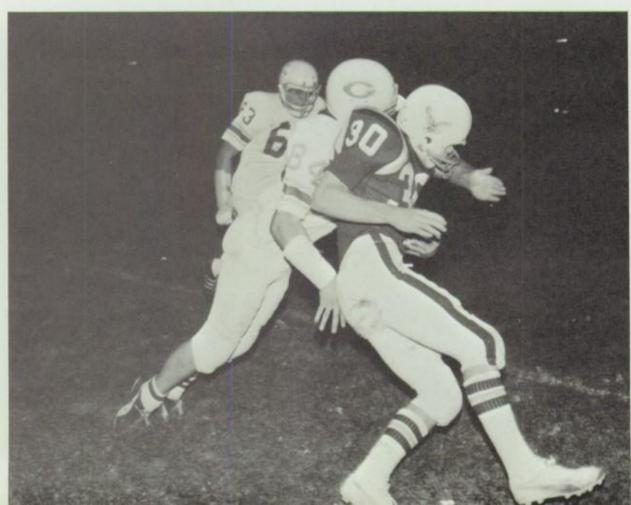
ROW ONE; Mark Wille, Brad Lockhart, Wayne Jesz, Scott Condon, Jess Bunderson, Jim Iske, Bob Arthaloney, Dan Steiner, ROW TWO; Mr. Ozanne, Randy Sump, Dan Springer, Jerry Snell, Jerry Allbery, Greg

Dahleim, Rick Jones, Doug McCall, Dale Smith, Chip Tolliver, ROW THREE; Mike Zimmerman, Marty Ostransky, David Dohse.

The 75-76 jr. high football teams of this year worked hard all season. The experience gained by these teams will help create better teams for Gretna in the future years. The coaches as well as the players deserve a big thanks for their time and effort made throughout this year.







# RESERVE VOLLEYBALL

ROW ONE; Dorothy Walsh, Edwinna Dukat, Peggy Ellis, JoAnn Armburst, Linda Biel, Stephanie Helms, Theresa Osdieck, ROW TWO; Cindy Mathers, Cindy Tramp, Judy Krajicek, Lynne Kovar, Coach Hathaway, Dawn Glassoff, Kim Krajicek, Cathy Mathers, Cindy Smith



# GOLF



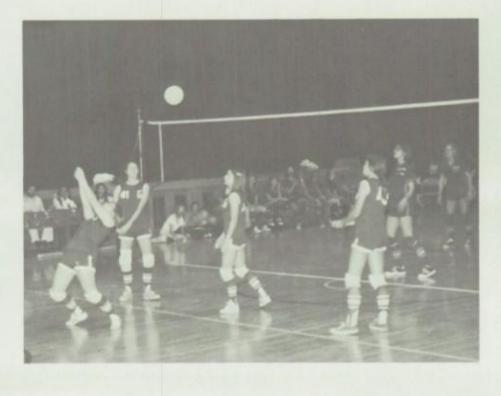


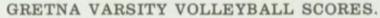
# GIRLS VOLLEYBALL











GRETNA **OPPONENTS** lost Waverly Plattsmouth won won Bennington Blair lost

Raymond Central lost Elkhorn won

Platteview lost Arlington won

NCC TOURNEY

Arlington won Wahoo won Waverly lost

DISTRICT

Plattsmouth won Platteview won lost Waverly



SENIORS: Terri Retzlaff, Vicki Verbeek, Jeanne Schmid



LEFT: Kerri James, Vicki Verbeek, Terri Retzlaff, Jan Schmid, Jeanne Schmid, Connie Johannsen, Chris Winter (coach) Jane Tjarks.





#### VARSITY SCOREBOARD

GRETNA	47	O. PAUL VI	68
GRETNA	66	MT. MICHAEL	32
GRETNA	57	ELKHORN	67
BLAIR TOU	RNEY		
GRETNA	41	ARLINGTON	50
GRETNA	57	BLAIR	49
GRETNA	53	WAVERLY	48
GRETNA	60	WAHOO	68
GRETNA	41	ASHLAND	51
GRETNA	49	O. CATHEDRAL	61
GRETNA	68	PLATTEVIEW	60
NCC TOURN	EY		
GRETNA	48	PLATTEVIEW	50
GRETNA	53	BLAIR	64
GRETNA	65	PLATTSMOUTH	
GRETNA	49	R. CENTRAL	48
GRETNA	63	TEKAMAH	49

49 ARLINGTON

64 O. PAUL VI

49 RYAN

51

60

57

GRETNA

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DISTRICTS GRETNA

RESERVES	SCOR	EBOARD	
GRETNA	61	O.PAUL IV	50
GRETNA	43	MT. MICHAEL	29
GRETNA	48	ELKHORN	24
GRETNA	53	WAVERLY	33
GRETNA	65	WAHOO	51
GRETNA	52	ASHLAND	40
GRETNA	62	O. CATHEDRAL	45
GRETNA	58	PLATTEVIEW	38
GRETNA	66	BLAIR	51
GRETNA	71	PLATTSMOUTH	40
GRETNA	60	R. CENTRAL	37
GRETNA	59	TEKAMAH	46
GRETNA	55	ARLINGTON	52



THE VARSITY IN ACTION



RESERVES DURING THEIR UNDEFEATED SEASON.



THE GIRLS TRYING HARD.

### VARSITY CAGERS



BOTTOM ROW: left to right: Kevin Jarosz, Rayn Leehy, Bob Rueth, Mark Filmer, Mark Mintken, Mike Koch, Mark Carl, Rick Nothwehr, STANDING: Mr. Leehy, Brad Tramp, Kurt Frahm, Ron

Kritenbrink, Dave Shepherd, Curt Nothwehr, John Allbery, Joe Walsh, Mr. Hoffman.

### RESERVES WIN ALL



BOTTOM ROW: left to right: Dan Springer, Kevin Jarosz, Rick Nothwehr, Mark Filmer, Rayn Leehy, Mark Carl, Gregg Dahlheim,

STANDING: Mr. Hoffman, Tom Brennan, Jay Bunderson, David Smetter, Dan Schmidt, Ron Kritenbrink, Kurt Frahm.

# SEVEN SENIORS LEAVE TEAM



Brad Tramp



Dave Shepherd



John Allbery



Mark Mintken



Mike Koch



Joe Walsh



Curt Nothwehr



# GIRLS BASKETBALL



ROW ONE; Cindy Lehman, Pat Dohse, Kathy Reuter, Lil Walsh, Ann McBreen, Lynne Kovar, ROW TWO; Coach Rhodes, Donna Mowinkel, Judy Tjarks, Gail Allbery, Dawn Glasshoff, Cathy Carl, Cathy Mather.



ROW ONE; Kris Karstens, Linda Biel, Peggy Ellis, Suzie Hintz, Joni Wollenburg, Dorothy Walsh, Brenda Fleck, ROW TWO; Roxane Fester, Cindy Tramp, Mary Leehy, Cindy Smith, Kim Krajicek, Nancy Weeks, Cathy Mather.





GIRLS VARSITY SCORES

GRETNA 14	ARLINGTON	36
GRETNA 24	ELKHORN	52
GRETNA 40	R. CENTRAL	24
GRETNA 20	TEKAMAH	40
GRETNA 19	PLATTEVIEW	49
GRETNA 22	WAHOO	31
(NCC TOUR	NEY)	
GRETNA 41	ARLINGTON	29
GRETNA 44	ELKHORN	39
GRETNA 39	CENTENNIAL	42
GRETNA 22	BLAIR	56
GRETNA 36	PLATTSMOUTH	27
GRETNA 23	WAVERLY	26
(MIDLANDS	TOURNEY)	
GRETNA 27	MERCY	45
GRETNA 40	DUCHESNE	31
GRETNA 30	ELKHORN	41
GIRLS RES	ERVE SCORES	
GRETNA 12	ARLINGTON	14
GRETNA 22	ELKHORN	32
GRETNA21	RAYMOND	
	CENTRAL	3
GRETNA 23	TEKAMAH	15
GRETNA 19	PLATTEVIEW	16
GRETNA 23	WAHOO	10
GRETNA 21	BLAIR	14
GRETNA 20	PLATTSMOUTH	2

# JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

7th GRADE	SCORES	
GRETNA 26	PLATTEVIEW	22
<b>GRETNA 19</b>	VALLEY	11
GRETNA 33	ARLINGTON	35
GRETNA 7	ELKHORN	15
GRETNA 19	WAVERLY	15
8th GRADE	SCORES	
GRETNA 35	PLATTEVIEW	32
GRETNA 29	VALLEY	33
GRETNA 29	ARLINGTON	17
<b>GRETNA 13</b>	ELKHORN	39
GRETNA 26	WAVERLY	25
9th GRADE	SCORES	
GRETNA 37	PLATTEVIEW	39
<b>GRETNA 59</b>	VALLEY	50
<b>GRETNA 27</b>	ARLINGTON	38
GRETNA 33	ELKHORN	32
NCC TOURN	IEY	
GRETNA 28	PLATTEVIEW	30
GRETNA 32	WAHOONEUMANN	33
GRETNA 26	WAVERLY	42
GRETNA 27	BLAIR	29
GRETNA 21	ASHLAND	15
NCC TOURN	IEY	
GRETNA 42	ARLINGTON	43



ROW ONE; Bob Sherry, Dan Hintz, Derick Harris, Roger Beyer, Henry Ruff, Jerry VanWinkle, ROW TWO: Don Oakerson, Tom Kopplin, Dan Cull, Pat Cockerill, Bill Weeks, Brendan Leehy, Robbie Goodnow, Eddie Karbowski, ROW THREE; Coach Novotny, John Johannsen, Carol Bishop, Greg Wagner, Pat Hendricks, Brian Burgett, Alan Grubb, Todd Bohling, Todd Shepherd.

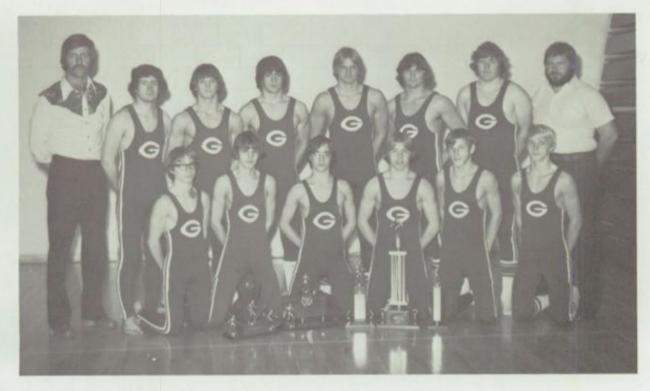


ROW ONE; Pete Gunderson, Tom Osdieck, Mike Schmid, Mike Miles, Don Hintz, Scott Norman, Eddie Kennel, Scott Schmidt, Richard Cummings. ROW TWO; Coach Marick, Mike Bishop, Steve Moore, Larry Koke, Mark Spurgeon, Tom Prichard, Eric Lehman, Steve White, David Dietze.



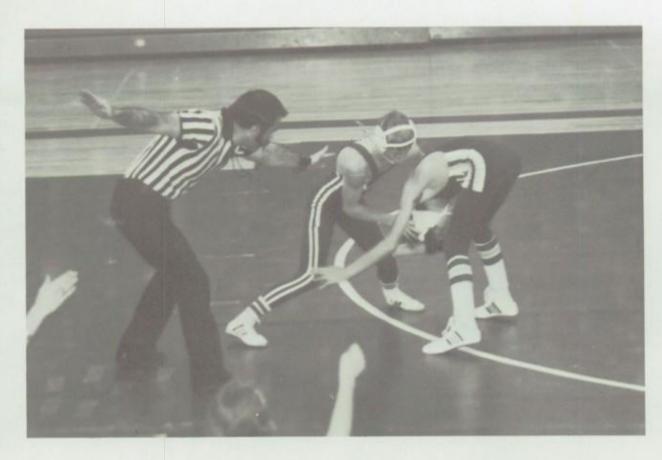
ROW ONE; Dan Springer, Gene Slattery, Brian Allbery, Dave Spurgeon, Jim Schutt, Greg Dalheim, ROW TWO; Coach Hoffman, Jeff Bockman, Mike Zimmerman, Roger Lisko.

# "WRESTLERS TRY HARDER"

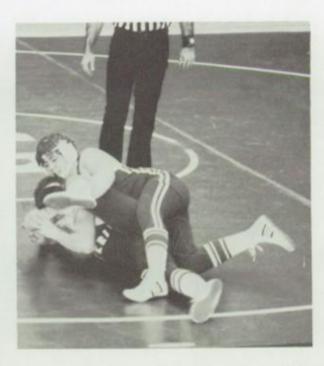


ROW ONE; Dan Rasmussen, Kent McClellan, Larry Beaman, Wayne Sharples, Damon Smith, Dale Smith. ROW TWO; Coach Kearns, Kent Talmon, Jeff Suhr, Tom Westenburg, Tim Lawry, Joe Krajicek, Roy Peters.

Congratulations to the wrestlers for their very impressive year. They finished the year with a 7-2-1 record. This year has been the best year for the Gretna wrestlers. In addition to their other tournament trophies, they finished first place at the Districts in Boys Town. At the district, seven wrestlers qualified for state. "Wrestlers do better because they try harder"









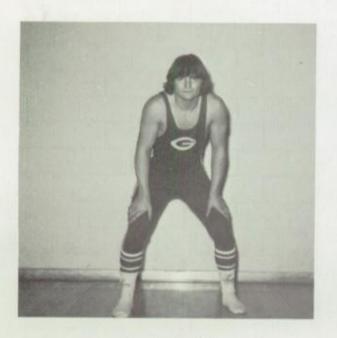
# SEVEN GO TO STATE



Kent McClellan, Larry Beaman, Dale Smith ROW TWO; Kent Talmon, Jeff Suhr, Tom Westenburg, Roy Peters (State Qualifiers)



Reserve Team ROW ONE: Milt Steiner, Dave Rasmussen, Butch Weber; ROW TWO: Dan Kennel, David Grieb, Coach Ozanne



Joe Krajicek



Jeff Suhr



Wayne Sharples



Kent Talmon



Kent McClellan



Dave Rasmussen

# BOYS TRACK



ROW ONE; Wayne Sharples, Mark Wille, Scott Condon, Scott Crawford, Mike Zimmerman, Rick Jones, ROW TWO; Dave McNeel, Curtis Nothwehr, Pete Marshall, Butch Webber, Tom Brennan, Mark Carl, Ryan Leehy, Jim Tapp, Steve Condon, Rick Nothwehr, Dave Rassmussen, ROW

THREE; Coach Leehy, Coach Ozanne, Tim Lawry, Joe Walsh, Pat Phelan, Steve Bartunek, J. Bunderson, Steve Dietze, Tom Westenburg, Chris Cox, Joe Krajicek, Bill Fink, Coach Marik.





### DRAGON TRACK TEAM SENDS 8 TO STATE

The Gretna track team of 1976 had 8 members leave their team this year. There were 8 state qualifiers: Curtis Nothwehr, Rich Nothwehr, Joe Walsh, and Mark Carl who took 3 place in the two mile relay with the time of 8.10.8, Dave McNeal 12'5" and Wayne Sharples 12'0" in the pole vault, Steve Bartunek won the high jump with a jump of 6'0" and J. Bunderson placed 3rd in the discus at 126'11". Four out of these eight guys were Seniors, but the Dragons will still have four of them back next year.



Dave Rasmussen, Joe Walsh, Dave McNeel, Wayne Sharples, Bill Fink, Joe Krajicek, Curtis Nothwehr, Steve Dietz



ROW ONE; Greg Wagner, Robbie Goodnow, Henry Ruff, Roger Beyer, Brendan Leehy, Bob Sherry, ROW TWO Eddie Karbowski, Jerry Van Winkle, Don Oakerson, Mike Miles, Scott Schmidt, Jeff Wollenburg, ROW THREE; Coach

Novotny, Mark Spurgeon, Craig Dobson, Tom Pritchard, Steve Sorenson, David Dietze, Tim Meyer.

#### GIRLS TRACK



GIRLS VARSITY TEAM: FRONT ROW: Sandy Cleek, Rachel Oakerson, Becky Oakerson, Connie Johannsen, Sarah Vencil, SECOND ROW: Dorothy Walsh, Bridget Phillips, Janette Koplin, Lynette Hopkins, Joni

Wollenburg; BACK ROW: Coach Winters, Kim Krajicek, Mary Leehy, Jan Schmid, Vicki Beyer, Gail Allbery, Coach Hathaway



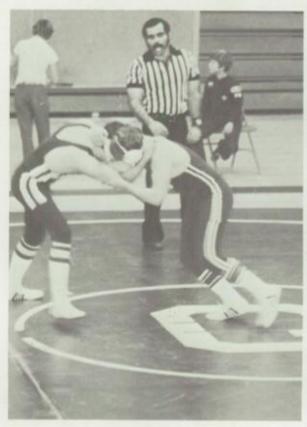
JR. HI GIRLS: SITTING: Laura Keyes, Leslie Glover, Linda Ulrich, Amy Schramm, Carolyn Mosby, Beth Mason, Rose Marie Lathrop; KNEELING: Kim Carl, Mary Conant, Jodi Verbeek, Tammi Carl, Debbie Hurst, Lori Schramm, Jean Perchal, Kris Suhr, Kim Rathbun, Jami

Smith, STANDING: Connie Grant, Beth Diers, Kay Kolbo, Barb Hollwager, Beth Grubb, Kim Bartunek, Diane Fleck, Jayne Fleck, Juli Frahm, Denise Brey, Juli Fleck, Coach Pease

## SPORTS SHOTS

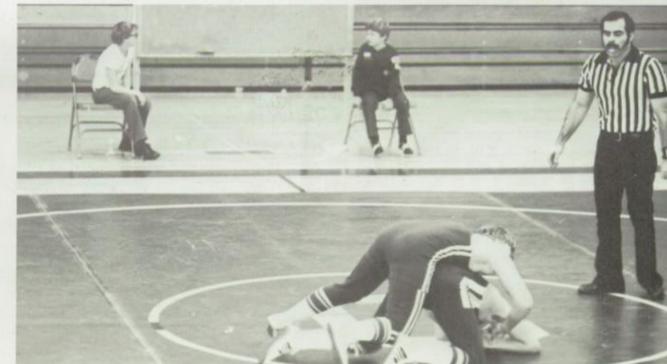














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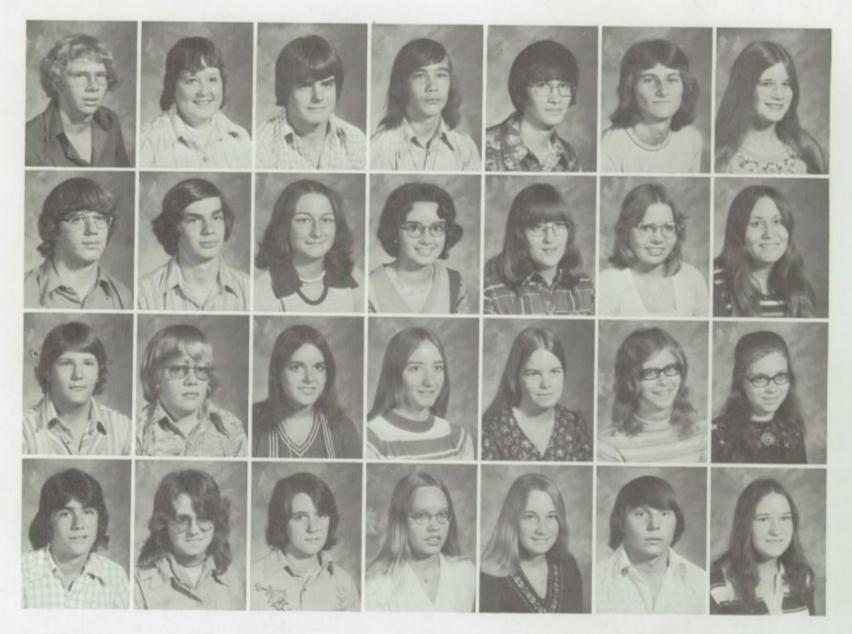
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Gregg Barkley Terri Barnes Steve Bartunek Larry Beaman Clark Bierle Larry Bishop Tami Bohling

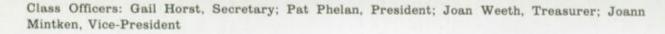
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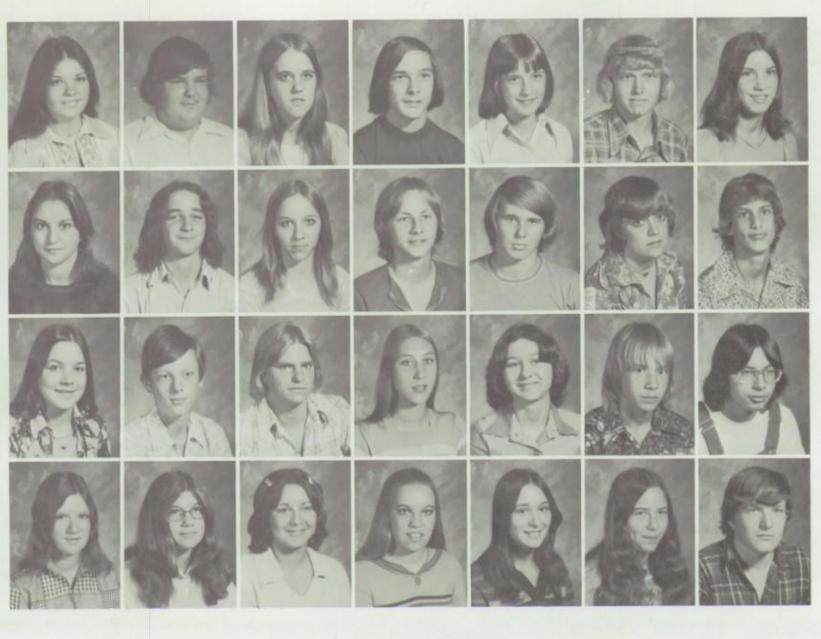
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Steve Hansen
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Connie Johannsen Max Jordan Wanda Jordan Mark Kats Dan Kennel Sharon Kittoe Lee Kolbo

Lynn Kovar Fred Lathrop Tim Lawry Cindy Lehman Gina Lewis Duane Liebsack Pete Marshall

Cindy Mather Ann McBreen Joann Mintken Donna Mowinkel Pam Norman Kim Odens Roy Peters











Pat Phelan Don Rathburn Reynie Rife Roxanne Rightmeyer

David Rogers
Bob Rueth
Tim Schnack
Tom Schnack
Dan Schmidt
Doug Schrader
Rick Shroeder

Lori Schutt
Joe Sempeck
Tami Shirk
David Smetter
Linda Smith
Roxanne Snide
Terry Springer

Steve Steinauer Wayne Stottlemire Bruce Sturznegger Ralph Svenningson Dave Syring Michelle Taylor Lee Ann Thomas

Judy Tjarks
Karen Torgerson
Liz Walsh
Joan Weeth
Tom Westenburg
Debbie White
Dan Woolman



#### SOPHOMORES



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Kelly Ehlers Peggi Ellis Brian Essen Lori Ferdig David Fibich Lynnette Fink Kurt Frahm

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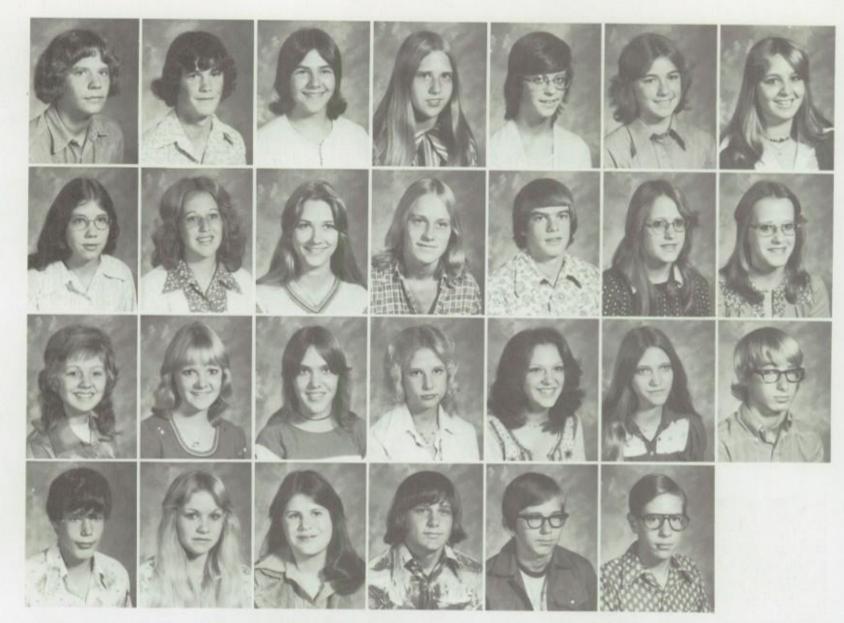
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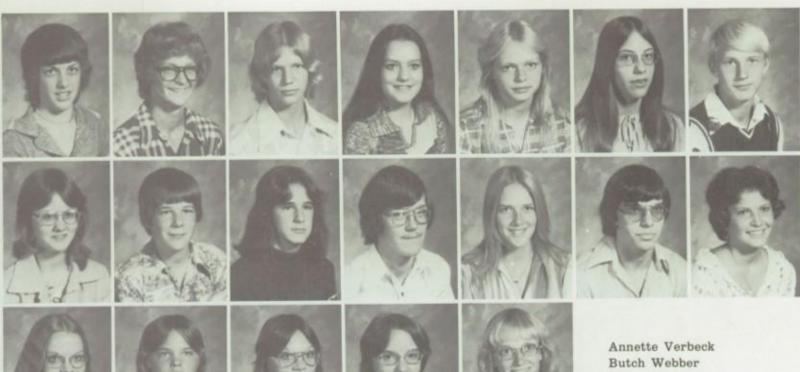
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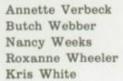


I'm not talking to you



Jan Schmidt
Jim Schmidt
Dave Schram
Judy Schram
Diana Schroeder
Cindy Smith
Dale Smith

Barb Sorensen Milt Steiner Rick Tangeman Jim Tapp Cindy Tramp Dan Turner Sara Vencil





Don't look at me like that



I am the Frito Bandito



#### Freshmen

Brian Allbery
Jerry Allbery
Tina Allbery
Joann Armbrust
Bob Arthalone
Linda Biel
Bob Biel

Marcy Bishop Bill Blesh Jeff Bockman Teresa Bosak Kim Bremer Jesse Bunderson Angie Carr

Sandy Cleek Cliff Cline Bill Coe Scott Condon Mike Coyan Scott Crawford Paul Cull

Greg Dalheim
David Dohse
Edwina Dukat
Bonnie Edwards
Jerry Ehrenberg
Pam Ellison
Gary Endorff

Kris Faris Catrina Ferdig Lisa Ferguson Roxanne Fester Chris Fibich Brenda Fleck Mark Hanner

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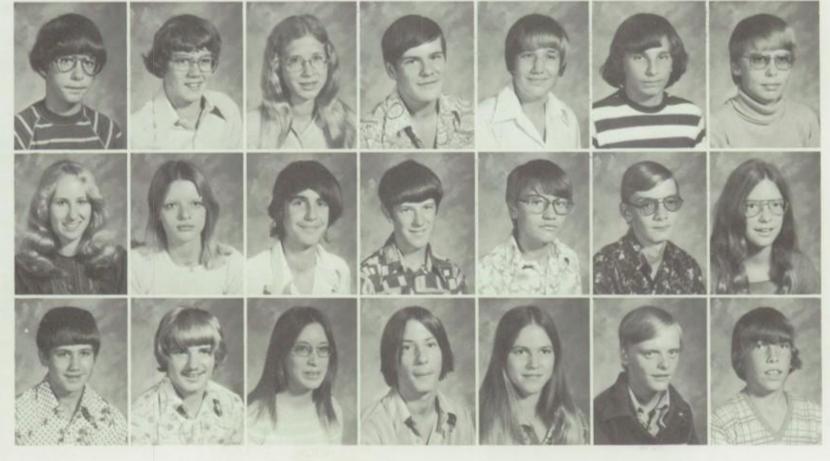


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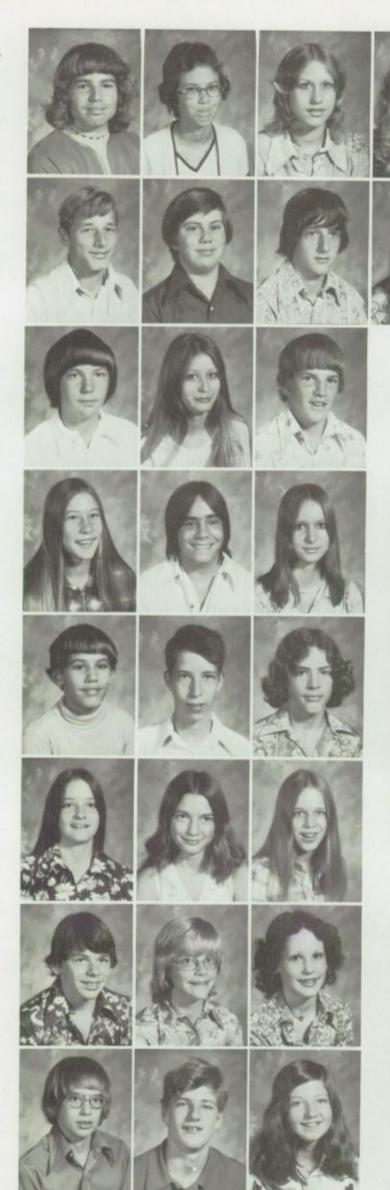
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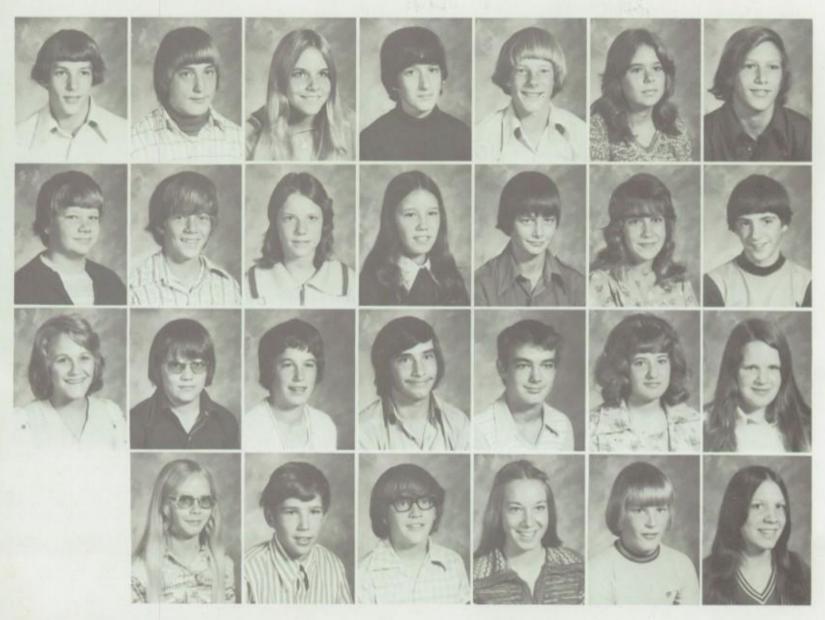


Hi there Doug!!





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Diane Cooper Richard Cummings Beth Diers David Dietze Graig Dobson Sheila Dye Julie Ehlers

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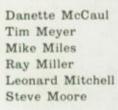
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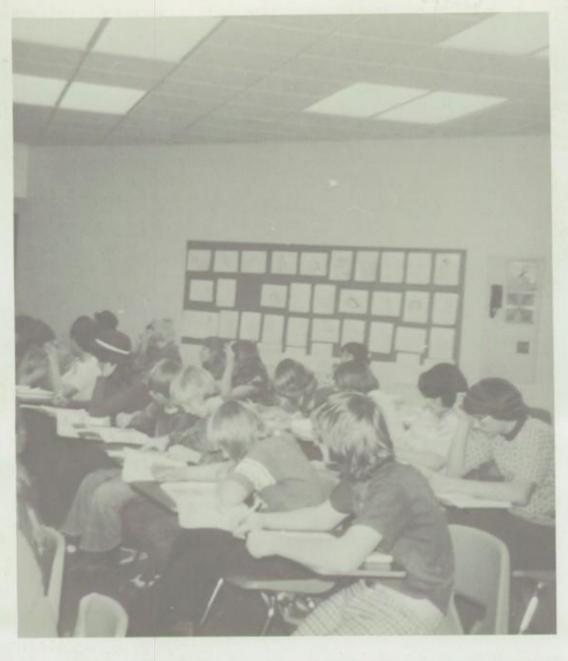














Scott Norman Jan Odens Tom Ostdiek Marcia Ostransky Jean Perchal

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Julie Peters

Eighth Grade class is studying??



Lori Plambeck Tom Pritchard Dick Rassmussen Sherry Rassmussen Kim Rathburn Greg Reigenborn Tom Rogers

Kathy Perchal

Nancy Schimonitz Mike Schmid Scott Schmidt Renee Schnack Dena Schrader Lori Schram Jim Scheumman

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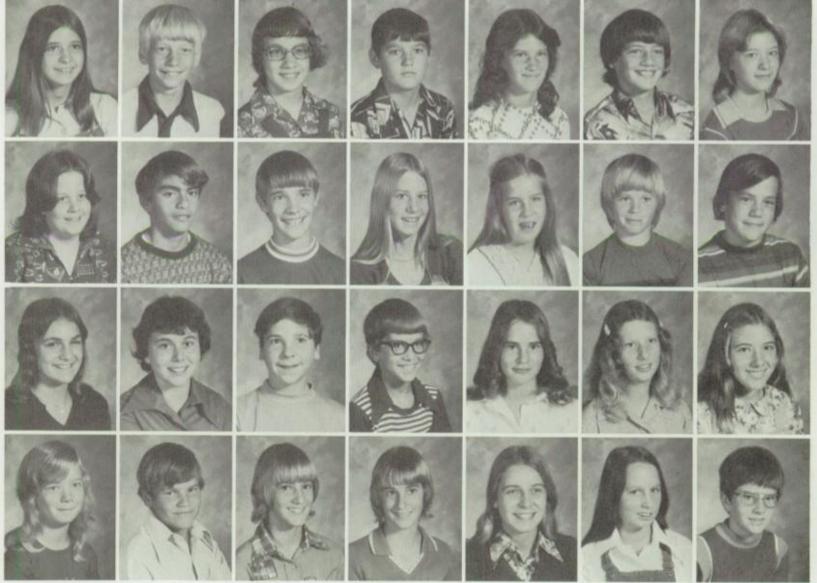
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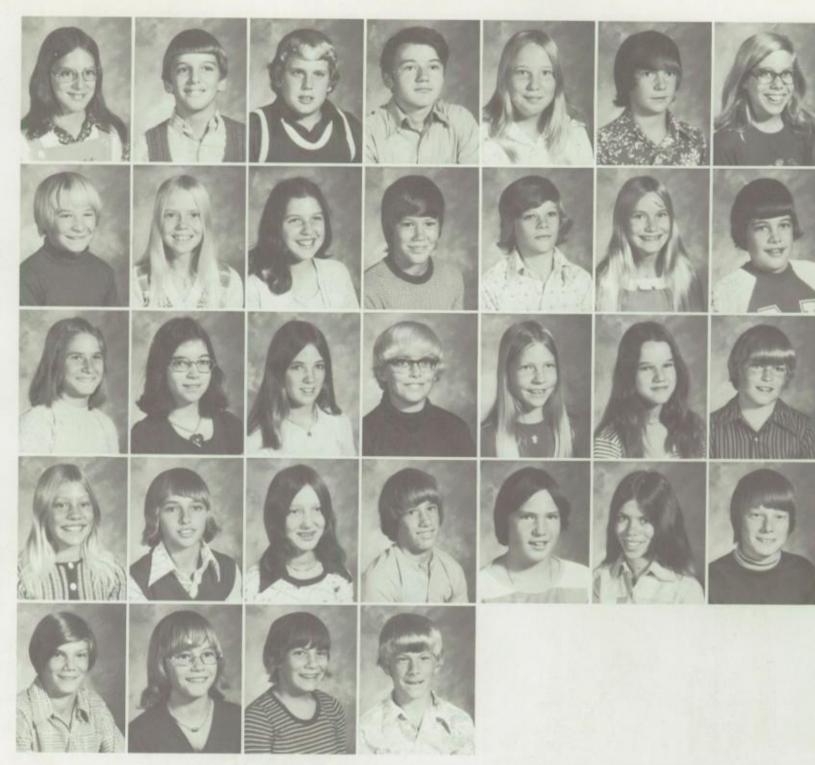
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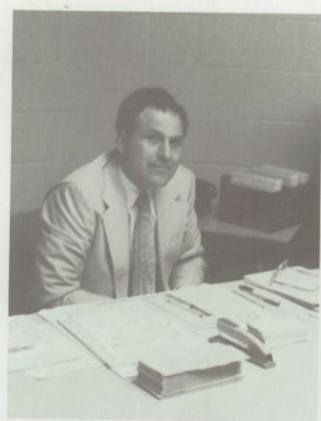




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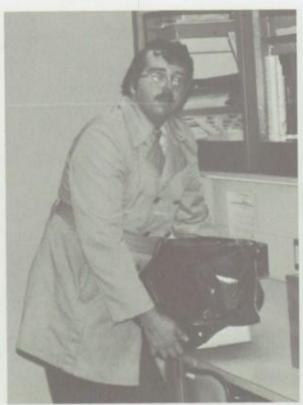
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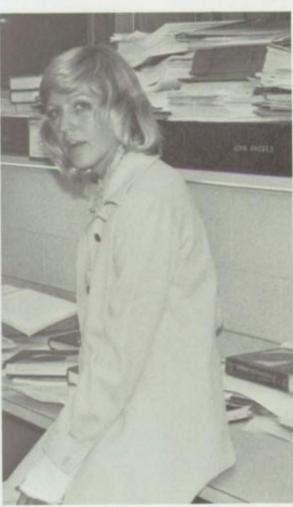












TOP LEFT: Jan Tjarks, Teacher Assistant; TOP CENTER: Tom Rundquist, Counselor and Math; TOP RIGHT: Marlene Snell, Counselor's secretary; MIDDLE LEFT: Glen Millard, Psychologist; MIDDLE CENTER; Eli Leggino, special studies; MIDDLE RIGHT: Diane Christensen, Reading specialist;

#### HISTORY

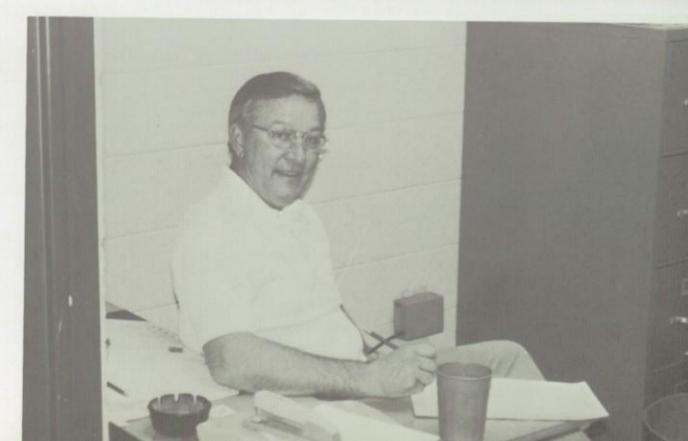








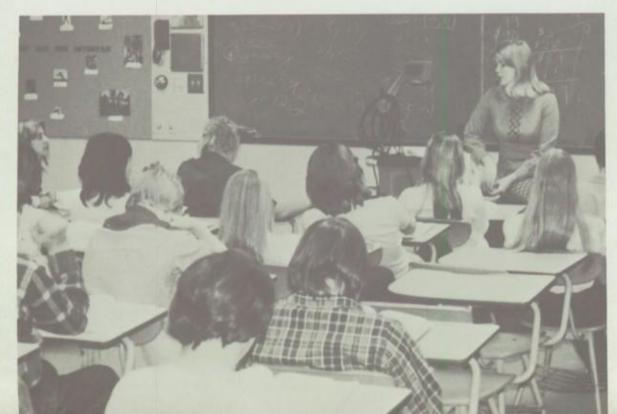
TOP LEFT: Tom Kearns—History; TOP RIGHT: John Breen—History; MIDDLE LEFT: Brad's first words were-"Who me??" and he's still saying them!! MIDDLE RIGHT: They're no Fred Astaire, but what do you expect?? BOTTOM RIGHT: Activities Director-Drivers Education-History-Duane Cox.



#### BUSINESS









TOP LEFT: Oh! It's Sandy McCormick and she's "working" at last!! MIDDLE LEFT: And then do you know what he said!?! BOTTOM LEFT: Kay Lawson—Business: ABOVE RIGHT: Bob Pease—Business-Annual Sponsor.

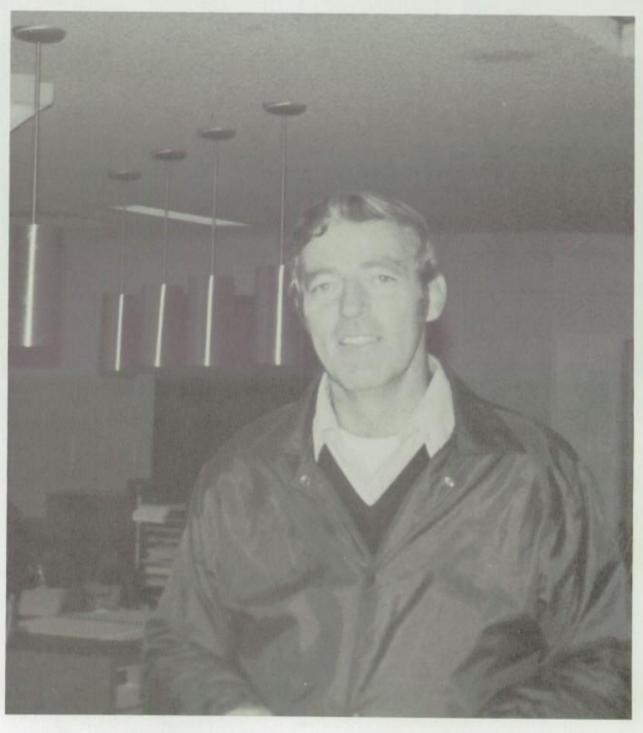
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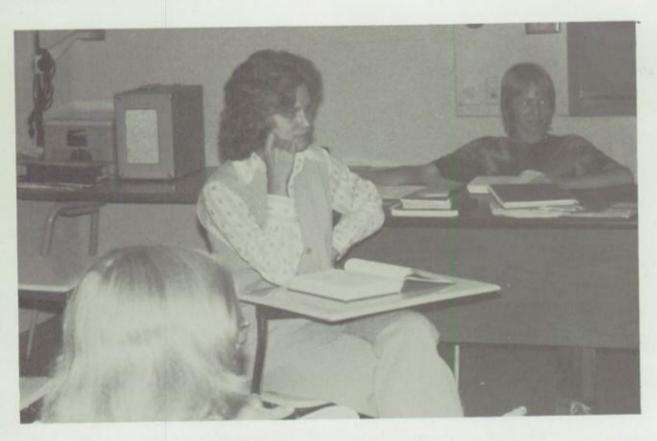




TOP LEFT: Thelma Fredrick—7th & 8th Grade Core (English), and Chris Winters—7th & 8th Grade Core (English & Social Studies); BOTTOM LEFT: MaryAnn Ellison—Teacher Asst. BOTTOM RIGHT: Tom Leehy—7th & 8th Grade Core (Social Studies).



## ENGLISH AND MEDIA





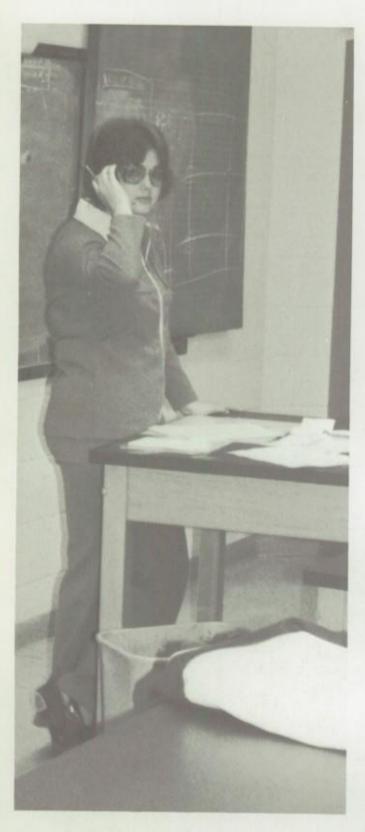






TOP LEFT: Marilyn Linstromberg—English; TOP RIGHT: I'll take this one and this one....Oh! what the heck I'll take them ALL!! MIDDLE LEFT: Nancy Mills—Media Asst. MIDDLE RIGHT: Jean Beal—English; BOTTOM LEFT: Delores Haldeman—Media Specialist.

## SCIENCE



ABOVE LEFT: Candice Imming—Science; TOP RIGHT: Gary Waggoner—Science; BOT-TOM RIGHT: Joe Marik—Science Director.





#### MATH











TOP LEFT: John Rhodes—Math; TOP RIGHT: Here's another example of the over population in Mrs. Renard's Math class. MIDDLE LEFT: Connie Renard—Math; MIDDLE RIGHT: "I wonder who's smarter...?" BOTTOM LEFT: Tim Hoffman—Math.

## P.E. AND SPANISH







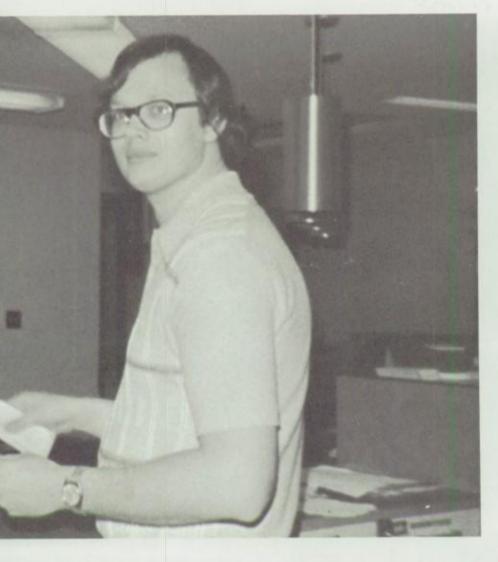


TOP LEFT: Don Ozanne (B) P.E. MIDDLE LEFT: Annette Hathaway (G.) P.E.—Spanish





## ART AND MUSIC





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TOP LEFT: Tim Fisher, Vocal Music Teacher TOP RIGHT: Maxine Cox, Art Teacher BOTTOM LEFT: Larry Evenson, Instrumental Music Teacher

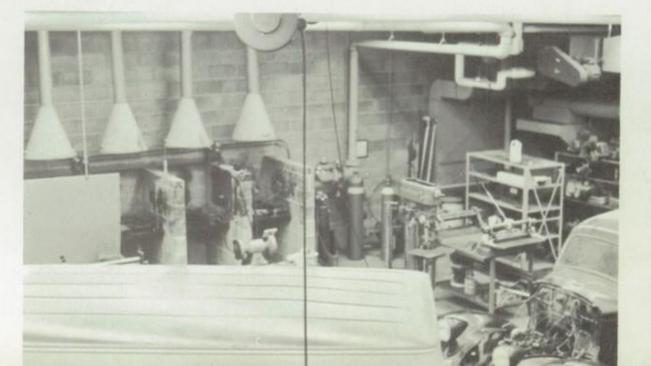
## INDUSTRIAL ARTS: SHOP







ABOVE LEFT: Lowell Kruger-Industrial Arts-Shop; TOP CENTER: It's one thing to hijack a plane, but a whole parade?!? TOP RIGHT: Joe Verbeek-Vocational-Industrial Arts-Coordinator; MIDDLE RIGHT: James Novotny-Industrial Arts-Shop; BOTTOM RIGHT: NOT Wanted: The missing (?) shop class.



## HOME ECONOMICS











TOP LEFT: Jan Verbeek—Home Ec. MIDDLE LEFT: Marj Ostransky—Home Ec. MIDDLE RIGHT: Joe wonders "This is an ADULT LIVING class??? This may be a living class, but its missing the adults." BOTTOM LEFT: After watching Mark for a long time, Dave asks Mark, "Wouldn't you do a better job if you used thread?" Curt tells Dave that "you can't use thread if you don't have a needle in the machine."

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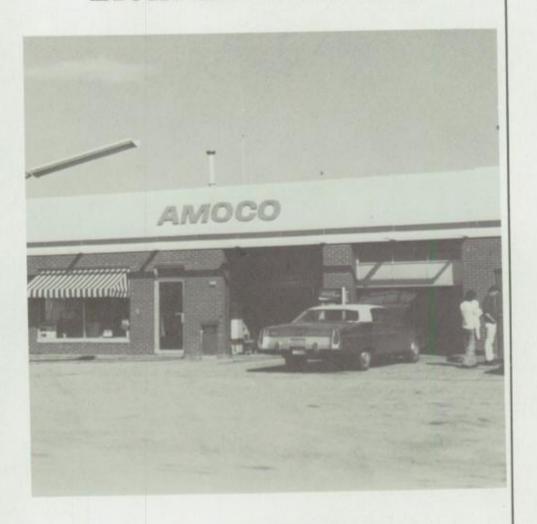
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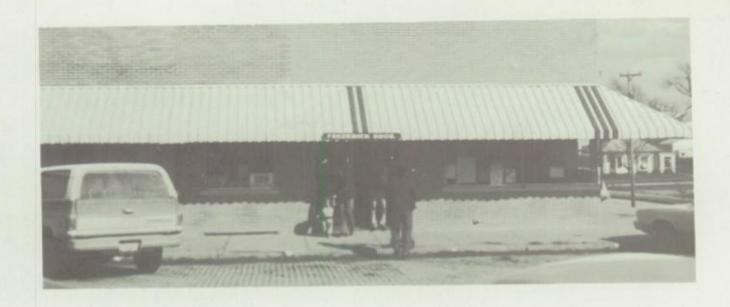
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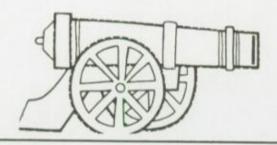
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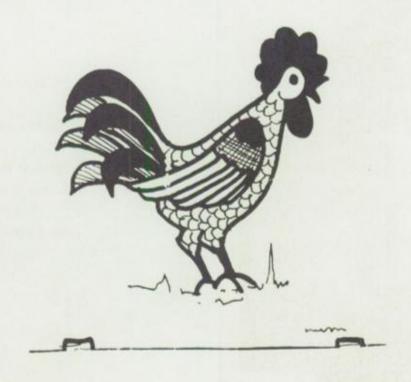
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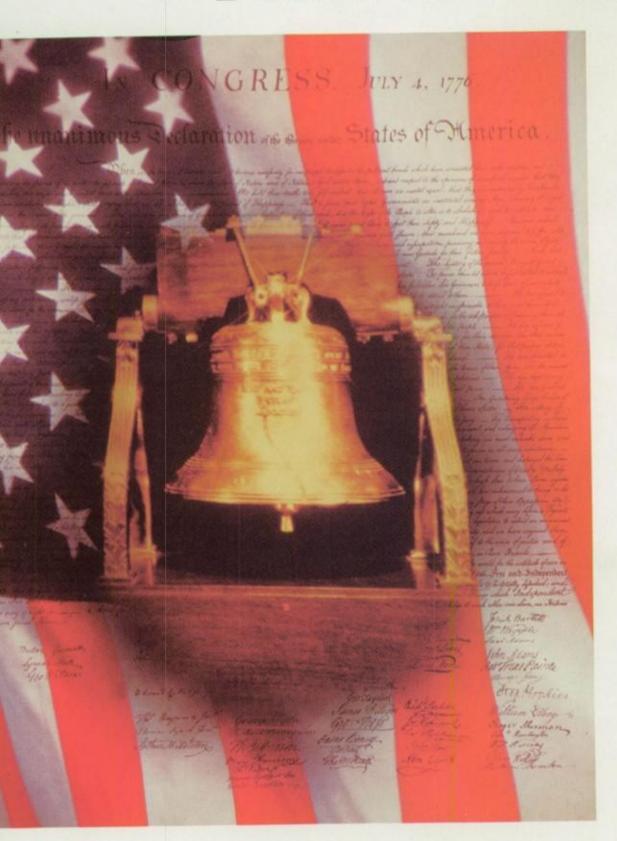


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I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodline of the world runs in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I am the Nation

I am 200 million people, living souls and the ghosts of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When Freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the Rock of Corregidor, and the Black steppes of Korea.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas, the granite hills of Vermont, the potato fields of Wisconsin. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the Mid-west, The Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big! I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, three million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than five million farms. I am forest, field, mountain, desert. I am quiet villages and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of Auld Lang Syne as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they like best. I am a ballot dropping in a box, the roar of a crowd at the stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright Brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

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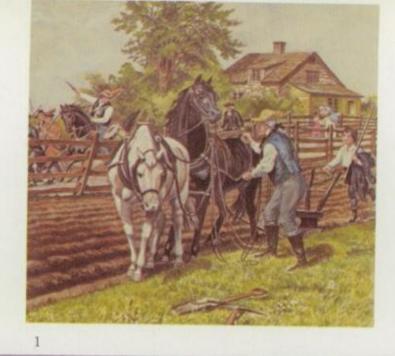
Yes, I am the Nation, and these are the things I am. I was conceived in Freedom and, God willing, in Freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage, and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world. This is my wish, my goal, and my prayer on this my birthday, two-hundred years after I was born.

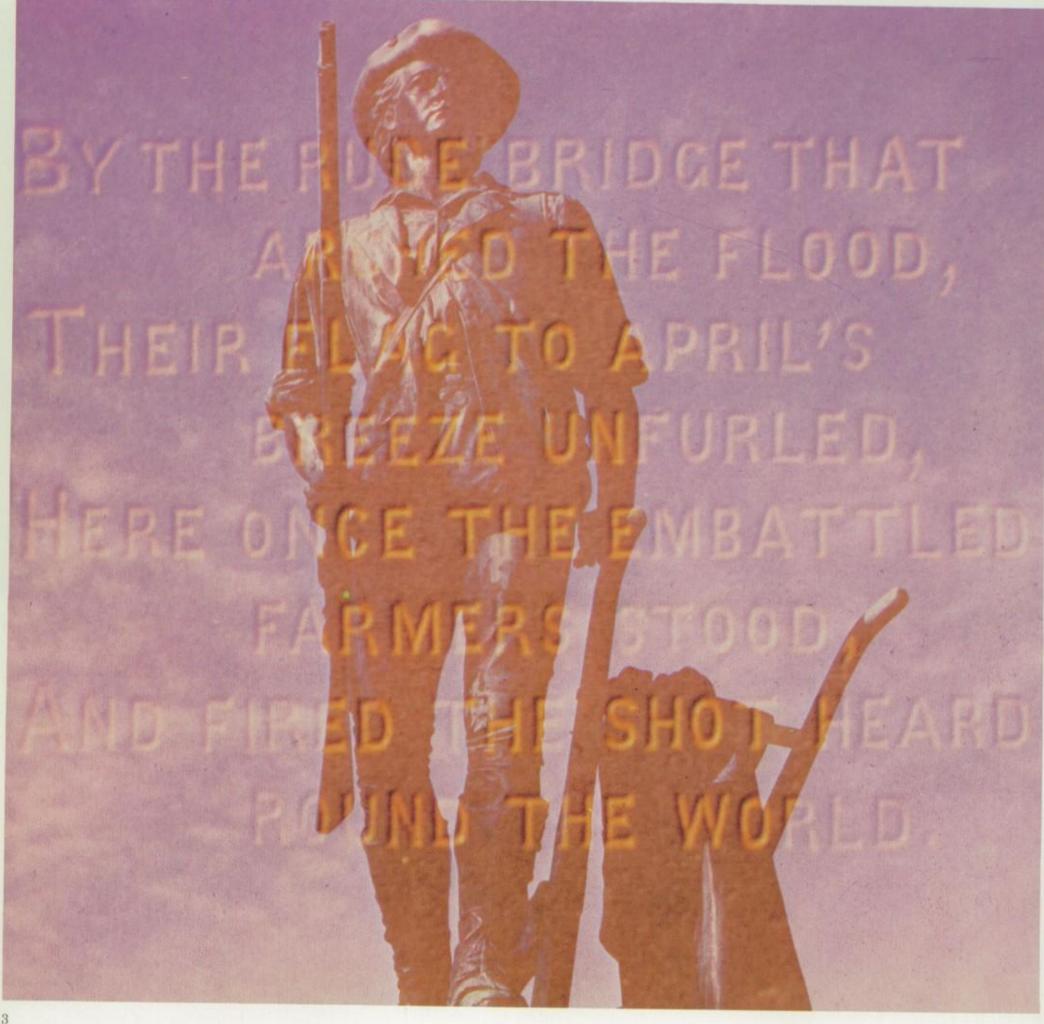
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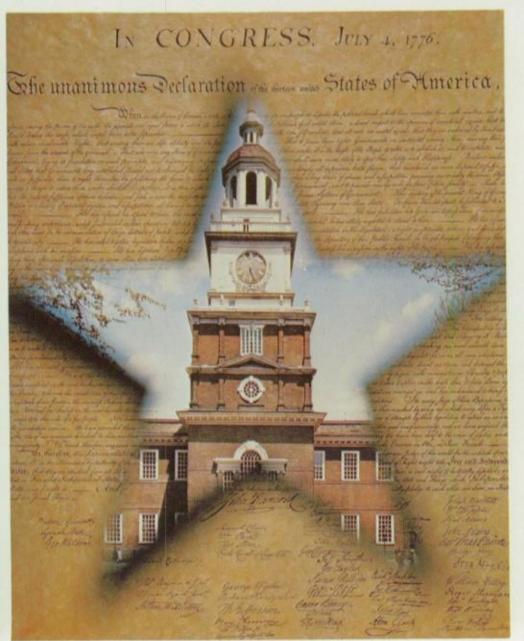
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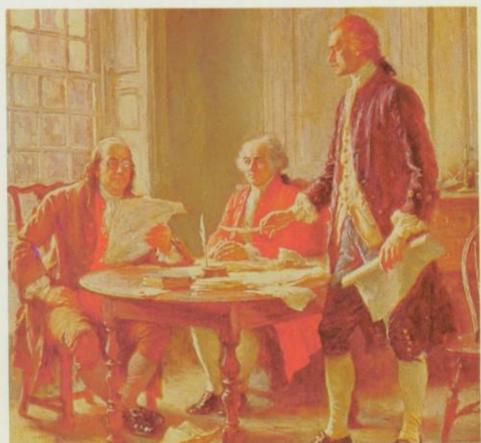












1/ Call of the Minutemen prior to the historic Battle of Lexington.

2/ The Battle of Concord Bridge was the first battle of the war.

3/ Monument to the Minutemen which stands on the site of the Battle of Lexington, where "the shot heard round the world" was fired April 19, 1775.

4/ The signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.

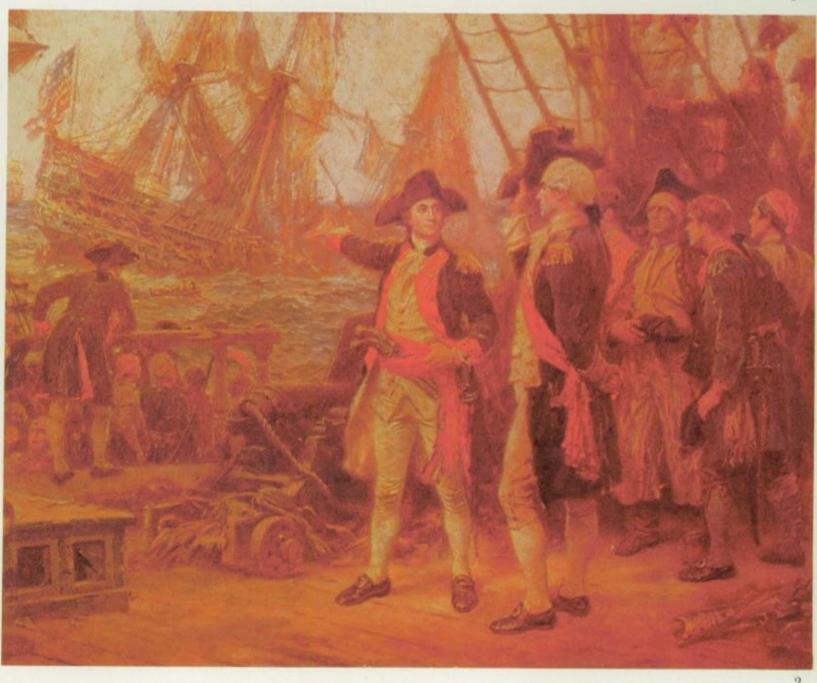
5/ Independence Hall, Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress convened to decide a course of action.

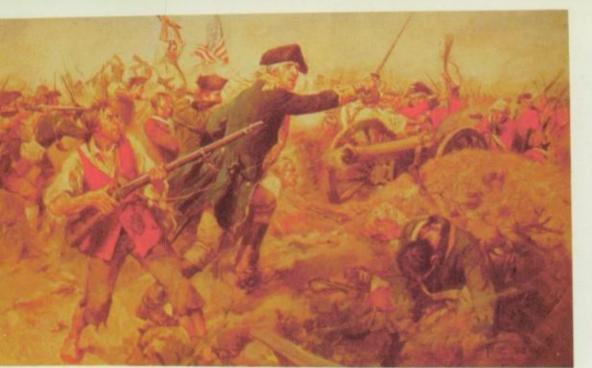
6/ Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson working to revise Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence.

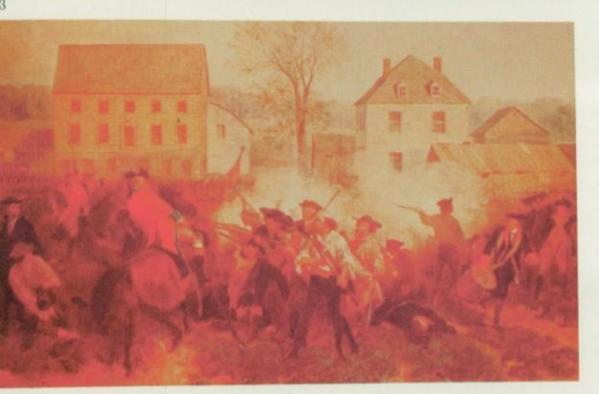


"Don't Strike the Colors. . . . We Have Just Begun to Fight."

Capt. John Paul Jones







## "These Are the Times That Try Men's Souls . . ."

Thomas Paine

1/ Captain John Paul Jones unfurled the first Stars and Stripes over the ocean when the young nation's banner, containing thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, was hoisted aboard the Ranger.

2/ From the deck of the captured British vessel Serapis, Capt. Jones and his crew watched as the American man-of-war, Bonhomme Richard, sank in victory, September 23, 1779. With the aid of friendly powers—namely France and Holland—and the leadership of commanders like Jones, the American fleet was able to effectively combat Britain's naval supremacy in the colonies.

3/ General John Stark led the colonial forces to victory at Bennington on August 11, 1777. The victory, along with an American triumph at Saratoga on October 12 of that year brought France to the colonies' aid as an ally and was the turning point of the war.

4/ Outside of occupied Boston, colonial patriots organized themselves into a volunteer militia known as the *Minutemen*. On the eve of April 18, 1775, British troops numbering more than 800 were dispatched from Boston to seize colonial munitions stored at Concord. Forewarned, Paul Revere and others spread the alarm and the Redcoats were met by a determined band of Minutemen at Lexington. It was here that the famous "shot heard round the world" was fired. It is not known which side fired the first shot of that battle which marked the opening of outright hostilities and led to open war.

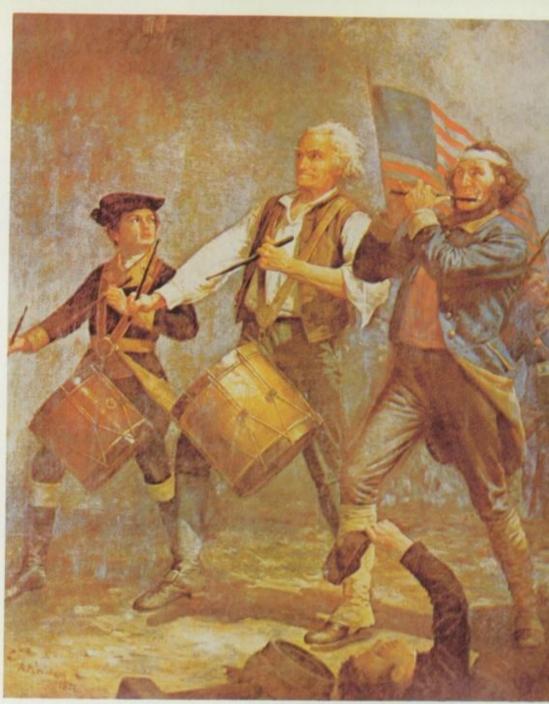
5/ The surrender of British troops under the command of General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, brought an end to all-out fighting. A few scattered skirmishes continued for over a year. However, complications of negotiation with England delayed the signing of a peace treaty for nearly two years. General George Washington, commander of colonial forces, accepted the British surrender at Yorktown and later presented the captured British flags to the Congress.



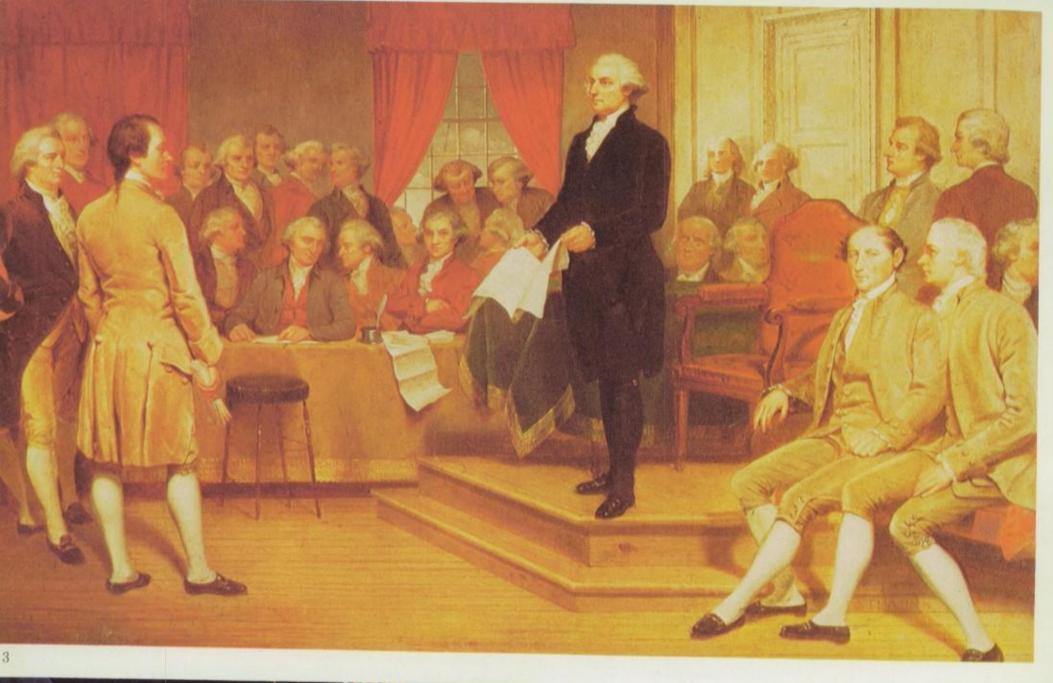
# "Stand Your Ground . . . If They Mean to Have a War, Let It Begin Here."

Capt. John Parker

1/ Capt. John Parker uttered those words as the colonial militia under his command prepared to meet the British troops at Lexington. Those words and the painting-Spirit of '76-exemplify the dedication and determination of the American patriots in their fight for independence. The colonies had organized to express their grievances in an effort to resolve the differences within the framework of the Empire. Several of the colonial legislatures had instructed their delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to oppose any move toward independence. The movement for independence was gaining strength and following the publication of Thomas Paine's Common Sense, which argued for colonial sovereignty, a resolution was adopted and a committee of five appointed to draft a declaration of independence. 2/ General Washington, who had been appointed commander-in-chief of American forces by the Second Continental Congress, was a brilliant military strategist. It was his decision to take his Continentals across the Delaware River on Christmas night which resulted in the first major colonial victory. That victory at Trenton over Hessian mercenaries gave the ragged army renewed vigor. Supported chiefly through the printing of Continental currency, the colonial army also went through the personal fortunes of many American patriots-among them Washington, Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee and John Adams. These fortunes were donated to the cause of liberty-a cause supported by about one-third of the American population which was near 2,000,000. Another one-third remained loyal to the English crown and the remainder were apathetic. Despite many defeats, the colonies managed to keep an army in the field as a symbol of American resistance, to guarantee a negotiated rather than dictated peace.









# ". . . Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!"

Patrick Henry

3/ Following the victory at Yorktown, Washington refused the offer of his troops to become king and returned to Philadelphia to aid with the establishment of a permanent government for the new republic-a loose alliance of sovereign states held together by the Articles of Confederation. An envoy composed of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Jay was sent to negotiate with the British. It was not until 1783 that the peace agreement, known as the Treaty of Paris, was signed, guaranteeing the sovereignty of the United States of America. The Articles of Confederation, despite many weaknesses, served to unify the states until 1787 when a special convention was held at Independence Hall in Philadelphia to revise them. The meeting was attended by fifty-five of the most-prominent men of the day. Twentynine of the delegates representing a majority of the states met on May 25 and decided to draft an entirely new constitution rather than ammend the Articles of Confederation. The meeting then became known as the Constitutional Convention.

4/ The men who assembled for the Constitutional Convention were an illustrious group with nearly every delegate a person of prominence in his home state. A large majority favored a strong central government. After four months of debate, on September 17, 1787, the new constitution was completed. In a little more than four months, six states had ratified the new constitution. Despite the good beginning, the fight for ratification was bitter and it was not until September 13, 1788, that the necessary two-thirds majority of the states had approved the document and Congress could call for states to choose their electors and congressmen. Several of the states had ratified the constitution with the provision that it would be amended. Thus, as one of its first official acts under the new constitution, the Congress added the first ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights. Washington was unanimously elected President and a new nation was launched on a course of democracy.

"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Emma Lazarus

(From "The New Colossus")



